

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH:: AMARAVATI
MAIN CASE NO.: W.P.Nos.5171, 5179, 5360, 5364, 5365, 5368, 5374,
5377 and 5380 of 2026

PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl. No.	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
	24-02-2026	<u>VN, J</u> 1. The present batch of Writ Petitions are filed to declare the action of Respondent No.2-APSCHE in restricting the Petitioner-institutions to upload only 25% of admitted students as against the total sanctioned intake capacity granted by the National Council for Teacher Education (for short “the NCTE”) and the affiliating University, as illegal and arbitrary. 2. The Petitioners are educational institutions offering courses in B.Ed., having permission from the NCTE as well as the affiliating University. It is also stated that the intake capacity was also specified by the NCTE. Subsequently, the NCTE had given permission for shifting the premises to all the colleges and thereafter affiliation was given to the Petitioner-institutions by the respective Universities. 3. Pursuant to the affiliation, the Petitioner-institutions admitted the students into colleges and a list of students was furnished to the APSCHE for ratification. The APSCHE <i>vide</i> impugned proceedings had ratified only 25% of the students admitted into Petitioner-colleges. Hence, present batch of Writ Petitions are filed.	

	4. The learned counsel for the Petitioners Sri Mathukumilli Sri Vijay would reiterate the plea urged in the Writ Affidavits and would submit that unless the admissions are ratified by the APSCHE, the Respondent-Universities cannot issue Hall Tickets to the students admitted by the Petitioner-colleges. 5. Smt. K. Radhika, learned Standing Counsel for APSCHE would submit that the Andhra Pradesh Colleges of Education (Regulation of Admissions into B.Ed., Course through Common Entrance Test) Rules, 2006 were framed <i>vide</i> G.O.Ms.No.92 Education (SE-Trg-1) Department dated 16.11.2006. As per the said G.O., a schedule is fixed for admission of students into colleges and the Petitioner-colleges do not have permission to fill up 75% of the vacancies de hors the counselling process. 6. It is further contended by the learned Standing Counsel for APSCHE that as per the said Rules, the Petitioner-colleges can admit only 25% of the students in the counselling process and therefore the APSCHE had ratified only 25% of the vacancies. 7. The learned Standing Counsel for the Respondent-Universities would submit that unless the admissions are ratified by the APSCHE, the Universities cannot issue Hall tickets to the students admitted by the Petitioner-colleges.	
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8. The learned Government Pleader for Higher Education would submit that a schedule is fixed for counselling and after the final phase of counselling, the seats that are leftover would be permitted to be filled up by the Petitioner-colleges and in this case, the Petitioner-colleges did not participate in the counselling process and straight away admitted the students into colleges and the same is not in consonance with G.O.Ms.No.91, dated 16.11.2006. The learned Government Pleader also pointed out that the date on which classes would commence is also specified in the notifications and had taken the Court through the guidelines for spot counselling.

9. Heard the counsels.

10. For easy understanding, the dates on which permission to shift University affiliation and the date of ratification of 25% of students by the APSCHE are given below in tabular statement;

Case No.	University Affiliation date	NCTE Order approving shifting date	Approved list by APSCHE date
W.P.No.5171/2026	10.02.2026	13.12.2025	18.02.2026
W.P.No.5360/2026	11.02.2026	31.07.2025	23.02.2026
W.P.No.5365/2026	31.01.2026	13.01.2026	18.02.2026
W.P.No.5368/2026	31.01.2026	24.01.2026	17.02.2026
W.P.No.5377/2026	11.02.2026	17.02.2026	19.02.2026
W.P.No.5364/2026	11.02.2026	24.01.2026	20.02.2026
W.P.No.5374/2026	11.02.2026	07.02.2026	19.02.2026
W.P.No.5380/2026	31.01.2026	24.01.2026	19.02.2026
W.P.No.5179/2026	11.02.2026	24.01.2026	19.02.2026

	11. The admissions into the B.Ed., Colleges are regulated by the APSCHE in terms of the Andhra Pradesh Colleges of Education (Regulation of Admissions into B.Ed., Course through Common Entrance Test) Rules, 2006 issued <i>vide</i> G.O.Ms.No.92, dated 16.11.2006. These Rules were amended <i>vide</i> G.O.Ms.No.87 Education (SE-TRG) Department dated 26.10.2007, G.O.Ms.No.31 Education (SE-TRG) Department dated 20.02.2008 and G.O.Ms.No.68 Education (SE-Genl.II) Department dated 04.07.2009. 12. As per Rule 3 of Rules, 2006, all the admissions would be made as per the rank obtained in EdCET/EDCET-AC. Thereafter, Rule 3 of Rules, 2006 was amended <i>vide</i> G.O.Ms.No.87, dated 26.10.2007 by permitting the leftover vacancies to be filled up in terms Rule 4 by inserting Rule (3) sub-rule (i) clause (c). 13. Curiously, <i>vide</i> G.O.Ms.No.9 Secondary Education (General.II) Department dated 09.03.2010, Rule 3 of the Andhra Pradesh Conduct of Education Common Entrance Test for Admission into B.Ed., Course Rules, 2004 was issued amending eligibility criteria for Admission. It is quite perplexing as to what is the purpose of amendment of Rule 3 of Rules, 2004, which were deemed to be superseded <i>vide</i> 2006 Rules <i>vide</i> G.O.Ms.No.92, dated 16.11.2006. The ways of administration is bewildering to say the least.	
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		14. It is the submission of the learned counsel for the Petitioners as well as the learned Standing Counsel for APSCHE that there has been a practice of admission of students into colleges without having qualified in EdCET. The admission of students on the basis of Ed.CET rank remains a requirement as per Rule 3 of 2006 Rules and it is not understandable as how the APSCHE is validating these admissions over the years. 15. Be that as it may, after the final schedule is ended, the NCTE and the Respondent-Universities have given shifting permission and affiliation and 25% of the students were ratified by the APSCHE. It is another act of astonishment of APSCHE as how they could ratify students admitted dehors the counselling process and contrary to their pleading in the vacate stay petitions in other cases. In short, there seems to be no sanctity to anything to what APSCHE does and says 16. Further, if 25% students can be ratified, there is no reason as to why the APSCHE has not ratified the remaining students. What is applicable to 25% students would also be applicable to remaining 75% students. Since the examinations for the 1st Semester are on-going, for the present, the following interim order is being passed;	
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		i) The APSCHE shall examine the list of all the students admitted by the Petitioner-colleges and examine the list of students with reference to the Andhra Pradesh Colleges of Education (Regulation of Admissions into B.Ed., Course through Common Entrance Test) Rules, 2006; ii) Considering the fact that the 1st semester examinations are ongoing by the respective Universities, the respective Universities are directed to issue Hall Tickets to the students admitted by the Petitioner-colleges and permit them to appear in the 1st semester examinations subject to the further orders in the Writ Petitions. 18. Post these cases on 24.03.2026. _____ VN, J IS	
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