

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)**

**TUESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE**



:PRESENT:

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE GANNAMANENI RAMAKRISHNA PRASAD
WRIT PETITION NO: 5435 OF 2025**

Between:

1. M/s Vikram Book Links Private Limited, Rep.by. its Authorised Representative, CIN. U22219AP2008PTC057907, Plot.No.1-12, Ramaswamy Towers, YSR Inner Ring Road, Opp. Ajithsingh Nagar Area, Vijayawada, NTR District, AP - 520015.
2. R.Srinivas Vikram, S/o. Ravikrindi Ramaswamy, Age 45 Years, Occ Authorised Representative - Cum - Chief Executive officer. M/s. VIKRAM BOOK LINKS PRIVATE LIMITED, Office at Plot.No.1-12, Ramaswamy Towers, YSR Inner Ring Road, Opp. Ajithsingh Nagar Area, Vijayawada, NTR District, AP - 520015.

...Petitioners

AND

1. State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep.by its Principal Secretary, Department of School Education, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi Village, Tullur Mandal-Guntur District Andhra Pradesh.
2. The Commissioner of School Education, Department of School Education, Andhra Pradesh, D.No.398/3, Vidya bhavan, Venkatadiri towers, Atmakur(V) Mangalagiri(M), Guntur District -522503.
3. The Director, Andhra Pradesh Government Textbook Press, Department of School Education, Andhra Pradesh 5th Floor, Vidhya Bhavan, Atmakuru, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
4. E-Procurement Department, IT, E and C, Department, Represented by its Director, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District.

...Respondents

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue a Writ or order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of MANDAMUS:

- i. Declaring the impugned Tender Notification Rc.No.109/T2/2025 dated 18.02.2025 issued by the Respondent/s herein is illegal, Arbitrary, violative of principles of natural justice, Contrary to the A.P. Financial Code and General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017 apart from Article 14,19(1)(g) and 21 of the Constitution of India, 1950 and Consequently, to set-aside/quash the Notification Rc.No.109/T2/2025 dated 18.02.2025.
- ii. Declaring that the failure to conduct a pre-bid meeting in the impugned tender notification Rc.No.109/T2/2025 dated 18.02.2025 is violation of the principles of natural justice, transparency and fair competition in public procurement and consequently, direct the respondents to hold a pre-bid meeting and allow bidders to submit revised bids after addressing their concerns.

AND consequently direct the Respondent Authorities to ensure to have wider participation at par with the neighbouring states while having sufficient securities in place in order to achieve affordable education and fair and transparent policy to keep majority of the series publishers within the zone of eligibility so as to have timely and effective supply of books to the needy students.

IA NO: 1 OF 2025

Petition under Section 151 of CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High

Court may be pleased to grant STAY on the operation of the tender Notification Rc.No.109/T2/2025 dated 18.02.2025 issued by the Respondent/s herein, Pending disposal of WP 5435 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 2 OF 2025

Petition under Section 151 of CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondent/s herein to consider the Petitioner/s objections raised through representations dated 05.02.2025 & 21.02.2025, and pass speaking order/s forthwith, Pending disposal of WP 5435 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

The Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of SRI TAGORE YADAV YARAGORLA, Advocate for the Petitioners, and of GP FOR SCHOOL EDUCATION, for the Respondents, the Court made the following

ORDER:

Heard Sri Y. Tagore Yadav, learned Counsel for the Writ Petitioners and Sri Ramachandra Rao Gurram, learned Government Pleader for School Education.

2. At request of Sri Ramachandra Rao Gurram, learned Government Pleader for School Education, list the matter on 05.03.2025 in the 'Motion List', to enable him to obtain Written Instructions in this matter.

3. Since it is submitted by the learned Counsel for the Writ Petitioners that 05.03.2025 is a last date for submission of the tender document, there shall be a direction to the Official Respondents to accept the Application of the Writ Petitioners and process the same

along with the other Applications, which shall be subject to the final outcome in the present Writ Petition.

Sd/- B. PRASADA RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Department of School Education, State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi Village, Tullur Mandal-Guntur District Andhra Pradesh. **(by Special Messenger)**
2. The Commissioner of School Education, Department of School Education, Andhra Pradesh, D.No.398/3, Vidya bhavan, Venkatadiri towers, Atmakur(V) Mangalagiri(M), Guntur District -522503.
3. The Director, Andhra Pradesh Government Textbook Press, Department of School Education, Andhra Pradesh 5th Floor, Vidhya Bhavan, Atmakuru, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
4. The Director, E-Procurement Department, IT, E and C, Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District. **(Addressees 2 to 4 by RPAD)**
5. One CC to SRI. TAGORE YADAV YARAGORLA Advocate [OPUC]
6. Two CCs to GP FOR SCHOOL EDUCATION ,High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
7. **One spare copy**

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HIGH COURT

GRKP,J

DATED:04/03/2025

NOTE: list the matter on 05.03.2025 in the 'Motion List'.

ORDER

WP.No.5435 of 2025

INTERIM DIRECTION

