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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
WEDNESDAY ,THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF APRIL TWO THOUSAND
AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE CHALLA GUNARANJAN

WP(PIL) NO: 48 OF 2022

Between:

1. U Ravi Teja, S/o U.Madhu Hindu, Aged about 29 years, Occ. Student
R/o D.No.21-9/2-24, Bhavi Street Madhura Nagar, Vijayawada, Krishna
District Andhra Pradesh - 520 011

AND

1. The Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry
of Education, Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, Dr Rajendra Prasad
Rd, Rajpath Area, Central Secretariat, New Delhi-110001
2. National Council of Educational Research and Training Sri Aurabindo
Marg, New Delhi - 110016 Rep.by its Director
3. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep.by its Chief Secretary,
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Building No.1, 1st Floor, A.P
Secretariat Velagapudi, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh - 522 238
4. The Special Chief Secretary, Department of School Education,
Government of Andhra Pradesh, A.P Secretariat, Velagapudi
Guntur, Andhra Pradesh - 522 238
5. The Commissioner, Department of School Education Government of
Andhra Pradesh Sri Anjaneya Towers, B- Block, 4th Floor N.T.T.P.S
Road, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh -
521456

6. The Director, State Council of Education Research and Training,
Andhra Pradesh, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada, Krishna District, Andhra
Pradesh - 521456

Respondents

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue a writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ.

(A) To declare that non-framing and non-formulation of comprehensive policy for stress-free environment for school-going children by the respondents with respect to weight of school bags, moderation of number of subjects to be taught class-wise, and no-home-work, and their inaction and omissions and commissions and statutory violations in not taking any action for implementation of stress-free environment for children is illegal, arbitrary and in dereliction of their statutory duties.

(B) To declare that the respondents' inaction to implement the guidelines laid down in W.P No.25680 of 2017 in the case of M. Purushothaman Vs Union of India and others by the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature of Madras with respect to safeguarding children's fundamental and basic human right to enjoy their natural childhood with joy and enthusiasm and without any stress, as violation of Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

(C) To declare that the inaction of the 1st and 2nd respondents to take appropriate action against the respondents 3 to 7 for proper

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implementation and monitoring of the Policy on School Bags 2020 is illegal, arbitrary and in dereliction of their statutory duties.

(D) To declare the inaction of the respondents 4 to 7 for not formulating any policy on weight of school bags, moderation of subjects, and no-home-work for children and subjecting them to bear the physical and psychological pressure is in dereliction of their statutory duties.

(E) To declare that the Respondents had violated statutory duties, including the Ministry of Education, Government of India instructions vide office D.O No.1-4/2018-15-3, dated 05-10-2018, and to call for the record from the respondents with respect to the implementation of the Policy on the School Bag 2020, including the report referred by the 7th respondent in RTI Reply dated 31-03-2021, and to issue appropriate directions for implementation and continuous monitoring of the School Bag Policy 2020, in time-bound manner.

(F) To declare that the non-consideration of the representations of the petitioner herein to the respondents, as being dereliction of their statutory duties.

(G) to further declare that the actions complained of, as above mentioned, are in violation of statutory duties bestowed on respondents 4 to 7, under the Constitution of India and in violation of Ministry of Education, Government of India instructions issued under D.O No.1-4/2018-IS-3, dated 05-10-2018.

(H) To further declare that the omissions and commissions on the part of the Respondents herein, are in gross violation of the most salutary principles laid down by the Hon'ble Courts, and 'School Bag Policy 2020;

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Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondents to consider the

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representations, including the representation dated 28-02-2022, of the Petitioner, and to pass appropriate orders as per law, pending disposal of WP(PIL).No.48 of 2022, 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 Venkateswarlu Gadipudi, Advocate for the Petitioner and Sri Challa Dhanamjaya, learned Additional Solicitor Deputy Solicitor General for the Respondent Nos.1 & 2 and GP for General Administration for the Respondent No.4 and GP for School Education for the Respondent Nos.5 to 7, the Court made the following;

ORDER:

Learned counsel for the petitioner seeks and is granted time to file response to the additional affidavit, dated 11.03.2026.

List on 24.06.2026.

The personal appearance of the Commissioner, School Education, is dispensed with for the time being.

**SD/- T.SRINIVASA RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Commissioner, Department of School Education Government of Andhra Pradesh Sri Anjaneya Towers, B- Block, 4th Floor N.T.T.P.S Road, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh – 521456 (by **Speed Post**)
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3. One CC to Deputy Solicitor General of India, High Court of AP [OPUC]
4. Two CCs to GP for School Education, High Court of AP [OUT]

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5. Two CCs to GP for General Administration Department, High Court of AP [OUT]
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HIGH COURT

HC,J

&

CGR,J

DATED:22.04.2026

LIST THE MATTER ON 24.06.2026

ORDER

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DIRECTION