

**WP(PIL) NO: 48 of 2022**

U. Ravi Teja

...Petitioner

Vs.

The Union of India and others

...Respondents

Advocate for Petitioner : Sri Venkateswarlu Gadipudi

Advocate for Respondents : Sri Challa Dhanamjaya, learned
Additional Solicitor General of India,
Smt S. Pranathi, learned Special G.P.**CORAM : THE CHIEF JUSTICE DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR
SRI JUSTICE CHALLA GUNARANJAN****DATE : 17th December 2025****P C :****I.A.No.1 of 2025**

For the reasons stated in the accompanying affidavit filed in support of the petition, this application is allowed and the documents are taken on record.

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The issue that has been highlighted in the present case is with regard to the failure on the part of the Education Department in the State of Andhra Pradesh to implement the policy called as 'School Bag Policy, 2020', which has been framed primarily for the purposes of ensuring a stress free environment for the school going children.

According to the said policy, as has been briefly reflected in the counter affidavit filed by the respondents, children from classes 1 and 2 are not

supposed to be given any homework at all. Children studying in classes 3 to 5 are to be given work books, which are curriculum based, and that the home work with a view to ensure that homework is done directly on the pages of the work books and the same are returned to the teachers at school.

Insofar as the children studying in classes 6 to 10 are concerned, the homework is required to be given in such a way as it does not become a burden to the students to carry too many books. In primary schools, it appears that only one notebook for Mathematics and one note book for other subjects is suggested. The policy also suggests that wherever possible, the workbooks, assignments, reference books and practice materials are to be kept in the school itself apart from other conditions that have been prescribed.

Although the affidavit was filed as early as in the year 2022, we are not sure as to how on ground, the aforementioned policy has been implemented. We would require the Commissioner, School Education to appear online to inform us as to the manner in which the policy is being implemented, the difficulties which are being faced in fully implementing the prescribed policy and the action which is proposed to be taken by the Government in ensuring a stress free environment fully complying with the policy of 2020.

The Commissioner, School Education may appear online.

An affidavit may also be filed bringing on record the latest status as regards the implementation of the aforementioned policy.

List on 11.03.2026.

DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR, CJ

CHALLA GUNARANJAN, J

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