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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

[3458]

MONDAY, THE 13th DAY OF JULY 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 7000/2026

Between:

1. SAKETH COLLEGE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, PLOT NO 3-79, K.NO.68/1, MAIN ROAD, GAVARAVARAM VILLAGE AND POST, KOYYALAGUDEM MANDAL, WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT, A.P.-534 312. REP. BY ITS SECRETARY AND CORRESPONDENT, SRI RAJA RAGHAVARAJU VEERA BHADRA APPALA NARASIMHA RAJU, S/O RAJA RAGHAVARAJU VENKATAPATHI RAJU, AGED ABOUT 64 YEARS.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522 503.
2. THE DIRECTOR, STATE COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING (SCERT), A.P. DOOR NO.398/3, SRI NILAYAM, MUSUNOORI DEVELOPERS, ATMAKURU, MANGALAGIRI MANDAL, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522 503.
3. THE COMMISSIONER OF SCHOOL EDUCATION, ANDHRA PRADESH, VIDYA BHAVAN, VENKATADRI TOWERS, ATMAKUR, MANGALAGIRI MANDAL, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522 503.

4.THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION,
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COMMITTEE, REP BY ITS MEMBER
SECRETARY, OFFICE . G-7, SECTOR 10, DWARAKA, NEW
DELHI-110075.

5.THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION,
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COMMITTEE, REP. BY ITS REGIONAL
DIRECTOR, OFFICE .G-7, SECTOR 10, DWARAKA, NEW
DELHI-110075

...RESPONDENT(S):

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, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of Mandamus by declaring the action of the 5th respondent in issuing the order of Withdrawal Order of Recognition granted to the Petitioner College i.e., Saketh College of Elementary Education, situated at Plot No 3-79, K.No.68/1, Main Road, Gavaravaram Village and Post, Koyyalagudem Mandal, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh State vide proceedings F.SRC/NCTE/57/D.El.Ed./AP/2023/141531, Dated 27-03-2023 without following the procedure contemplated under Secs. 13 and 17 of The National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993 r/w. Rule 8 of the National Council for Teacher Education Rules, 1997 and to declare the same as illegal, arbitrary, discriminatory and in violation of the principles of natural justice and Consequently set aside/quash the Withdrawal order vide proceedings F.SRC/NCTE/57/D.El.Ed./AP/2023/141531, Dated 27-03-2023 issued by the 5th respondent against the Petitioner and direct the 4th and 5th respondents to grant recognition orders to the petitioner college and to pass

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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the 4th & 5th respondents to grant recognition orders to the petitioner college by suspending the impugned order passed by the 5th respondent vide F.SRC/NCTE/57/D.El.Ed./AP/2023/141531, Dated 27-03-2023 pending disposal of the Writ Petition and to pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.THOMMANDURU V SARADHI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR SCHOOL EDUCATION

2.VENNA HEMANTH KUMAR(CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
COUNSEL)

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA**WRIT PETITION NO: 7000/2026****The Court made the following Order:**

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Assistant Government Pleader for School Education and the learned Standing Counsel for NCTE appearing for the respondent Nos.4 & 5/NCTE.

2. The grievance of the petitioner in the instant Writ Petition is against the action of the respondents in withdrawing the recognition granted to the petitioner Institution.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner relied on the decision of a Coordinate Bench of this Court in W.P. Nos. 18253 of 2024 and batch, wherein the Court granted liberty to the petitioner to submit an explanation to the show-cause notice within a period of four (04) weeks and directed the respondents to pass appropriate orders upon receipt of such explanation.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the issue raised in the instant writ petition is covered by the said judgment of this Court.

5. Learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent No.5 would submit that, despite the show cause notice, the petitioner did not respond to the show cause notice. Having regard to the same, the impugned order was passed against which an alternative remedy of

Appeal is provided under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993. Thus the Writ Petition is not maintainable and prays for dismissal of the Writ Petition.

6. Having regard to the submission made, the impugned show cause notice dated 16-01-2023 is set aside and the matter is remanded to the respondent No.5 for consideration afresh. The petitioner is also at liberty to file an explanation to the show cause notice, dated 16-01-2023 to the respondent No.5 within a period of three (03) weeks from the date of receipt of the order. Upon filing of such an explanation to the show cause notice, the respondent No.5 is directed to pass appropriate orders within a period of four (04) weeks thereafter.

7. With the above observation, the Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, all pending miscellaneous applications shall stand closed.

JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Dated: 13-07-2026
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Whether the order is:

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Reportable		Non-reportable	☒

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