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

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

:PRESENT:

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY
WRIT PETITION NO: 8006 OF 2026**



Between:

Sri Raghavendra College of Education, Represented by its
Correspondent, Sri. Yarram Papireddy Nannur, Orvakal Mandal,
Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh.

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Principal Secretary to
Government Department of Higher Education, Tulluru, Secretariat
Buildings Veigapudi, Guntur District. 522238
2. The Andhra Pradesh State Council for Higher Education Government of
Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Secretary 3rd, 4th and 5th floors, Atmakuru
(village) Mangalagiri (Mandal), Guntur District 522302
3. Rayalaseema University, Represented by its Registrar, Nandyala Road,
Kurnool, Dinnedevaram, Andhra Pradesh 518007
4. Rayalaseema University, Kurnool, Represented by its Controller of
Examinations, Nandyala Road, Kurnool, Dinnedevaram, Andhra
Pradesh 518007

Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioner above named through its Advocate SRI
SRIVIJAY MATHUKUMILLI, presented this 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 an appropriate writ

more in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the 2nd Respondent in not ratifying the admissions of 28 students admitted by the Petitioner institution, in consonance with its own proceedings vide Circular No. APSCH- CETs-2025-Deviation/2025 dated 30-01-2026, while extending such benefit to other similarly situated colleges, as illegal, arbitrary, discriminatory, and violative of Article 14 of the Constitution of India, and consequently direct the Respondents to ratify the admissions of the said 28 students in terms of the said proceedings dated 30-01- 2026 subject to payment of the prescribed penalty, and further direct the Respondents 3 and 4 University to accept the examination fee, issue hall tickets, and permit the said students to appear for the examinations;

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and affidavit filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri SRIVIJAY MATHUKUMILLI, Advocate for the Petitioner, learned GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION for the Respondent No.1, Smt. K. RADHIKA, Standing Counsel for the Respondent No.2, Ms. N. Vijayasanthi, Standing Counsel for the Respondent Nos.3&4 directed issue of notice to the Respondents herein to show cause as to why this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

You viz:

1. The Principal Secretary to Government Department of Higher Education, Tulluru, Secretariat Buildings Veigapudi, Guntur District. 522238, State of Andhra Pradesh
2. The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Council for Higher Education Government of Andhra Pradesh, 3rd, 4th and 5th floors, Atmakuru (village) Mangalagiri (Mandal), Guntur District 522302
3. The Registrar, Rayalaseema University, Nandyala Road, Kurnool, Dinnedevaram, Andhra Pradesh 518007
4. The Controller of Examinations, Rayalaseema University, Kurnool, Nandyala Road, Kurnool, Dinnedevaram, Andhra Pradesh 518007

are be and hereby directed to show cause either appearing in person or through an Advocate, as to why in the circumstances set out in the petition and the affidavit filed therewith (copy enclosed) this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted, within four weeks.

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Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the grounds filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondents 3 and 4 to receive examination fee and permit the said 28 students to appear for 1st Semester examinations and issue hall tickets, pending disposal of WP No. 8006 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The Court made the following ORDER:

- 1. Notice before admission, returnable in four weeks.**
- 2. The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the action of Respondent No.2 in not ratifying the admission of 28 students, admitted by the Petitioner/Institution on the ground that the admissions were in deviation of the methodology prescribed in the rules as illegal and arbitrary.**
- 3. The Petitioner is an educational institution offering Bachelor of Education (for short, B.Ed.) course to the students and was having approval from National Council for Teacher Education (for short, 'NCTE') and affiliation from Rayalseema University (for short, 'the University').**
- 4. Pursuant to the counseling process for the academic year 2025-2026, the Petitioner/Institution had admitted 28 students in deviation of the methodology prescribed in Andhra Pradesh Colleges of Education (Regulation of Admissions into B.Ed., course through Common Entrance Test) Rules, 2006 (for short, 'the rules').**
- 5. Learned counsel for the Petitioner/Institution relies upon a circular issued by the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher**

Education (for short, APSCHE) on 30.01.2026, wherein the admissions made deviating the methodologies beyond the prescribed percentage were validated by paying an amount of Rs.3,000/- per student. Learned counsel seeks similar benefit to the Petitioner/Institution.

6. Learned counsel for APSCHE submitted that the rejection of the students of the Petitioner/Institution is justified as apparent from the reading of remarks mentioned in the impugned proceedings vis-à-vis each student.

7. Heard the counsels.

8. The rules prescribed certain methodology for admission of students and percentage of admissions in five methodologies as provided i.e., Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences, Social Studies, English for specific percentage.

9. Taking note of the admissions contrary to the methodology prescribed under the rules, APSCHE has issued the circular on 31.01.2026, validating the admissions on imposing a penalty of Rs.3,000/- per student for the academic year 2025-2026 only. There is no reason for the said relief not to be extended to the Petitioner/Institution also.

10. Therefore, pending further orders, there shall be an interim direction as under:-

(i). The Respondent No.2 shall reconsider the ratification of the students admitted by the Petitioner/Institution in deviation with methodology prescribed under the rules in terms of the Circular No.APSCHE-CETs-2025-Deviation/2025, dated 30.01.2026.

(ii). In the interregnum, the Respondent University shall issue Hall Tickets to the students of the Petitioner/Institution, to enable them to appear for the 1st semester examinations.

Post this matter after four weeks.

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For

SD/- M.SRINIVAS
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary to Government Department of Higher Education, Tulluru, Secretariat Buildings Veigapudi, Guntur District. 522238, State of Andhra Pradesh (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER)
2. The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Council for Higher Education Government of Andhra Pradesh, 3rd, 4th and 5th floors, Atmakuru (village) Mangalagiri (Mandal), Guntur District 522302
3. The Registrar, Rayalaseema University, Nandyala Road, Kurnool, Dinnedevarapadu, Andhra Pradesh 518007
4. The Controller of Examinations, Rayalaseema University, Kurnool, Nandyala Road, Kurnool, Dinnedevarapadu, Andhra Pradesh 518007 (Addressee Nos.2 to 4 by SPEED POST- along with a copy of petition and affidavit)
5. One CC to SRI. SRI VIJAY MATHUKUMILLI Advocate [OPUC]
6. Two CCs to GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
7. One CC to Ms. K. RADHIKA, STANDING COUNSEL [OPUC]
8. One CC to Ms. N. Vijayasanthi, STANDING COUNSEL [OPUC]
9. One spare copy

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HIGH COURT

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DATED:24/03/2026

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DIRECTION

