

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

W.P.No.8334 of 2026

PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl. No.	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
3.	06.04.2026	<p><u>VN, J</u></p> <p>1. The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the e-mail letter dated 24.03.2026 issued by Respondent No.4 directing the Petitioner to stop printing work and the Proceedings in Lr.Rc.No.327/TA/Print/2026, dated 26.03.2026 issued by Respondent No.3 terminating and cancelling the work order bearing Lr.No.327/TA/Publications/2026, dated 17.03.2026 granted to the Petitioner and to declare the same illegal and arbitrary.</p> <p>2. The brief facts are as follows:</p> <p>The Petitioner is engaged in the business of publication of books and is associated with Government Works for a long time. A Work Order was issued to the Petitioner pursuant to a tender process by Respondent No. 2 <i>vide</i> Lr.No.327/TA/Publications/2026, dated 17.03.2026 for printing the following books:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Inter Chemistry-II: 60,000 copies.2. Inter Physics-II: 60,000 copies.3. Inter Biology-II : 40,000 copies.4. Inter Mathematics-II: 60,000 copies.5. Inter Telugu-II: 40,000 copies6. Inter Sanskrit-II: 60,000 copies.7. Inter English-II: 1,30,000 copies.8. B.Ed Art Education: 3,000 copies. <p>Total: 4,53,000 copies.</p>	

		<p>3. While so, a show-cause notice was issued to the Petitioner on 23.03.2026 on the basis of an allegation that PDF material of the above subject books was being circulated through WhatsApp groups of faculty and students, which would result in loss to Respondent No.2.</p> <p>4. Immediately, the Petitioner had given a police complaint requesting the identification of the source of lead of the publication material given to the Petitioner. An e-mail was also received by the Petitioner from the Respondent Authorities on 24.03.2026, directing an immediate stoppage of printing of books pending further orders. The Petitioner had submitted a reply to the show-cause notice as well as the e-mail stating that the Petitioner is innocent of the alleged leak of the publication material in WhatsApp groups and that the Petitioner had executed several such works for Respondent No. 2 without there being any cause for complaint.</p> <p>5. In spite of the same, the impugned order was issued on 26.03.2026, cancelling the Work Order dated 17.03.2026 in favour of the Petitioner with immediate effect. Further, a criminal case was registered <i>vide</i> FIR No.26/2026 before the Cyber Crime P.S., Vijayawada, under Section 316 (2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, read with other relevant penal provisions. Questioning the same, the present Writ Petition is filed.</p> <p>6. Sri Prabhala Raja Sekhar, learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner would submit that solely based on a suspicion of leakage, the Respondent-</p>	
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