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

MONDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF APRIL ✓

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX ✓

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY ✓

WRIT PETITION NO: 8334 OF 2026 ✓



**Between:**

M/s V.G.S. Book Links, Regd. Partnership Firm, ##1-190/10A, Inner ring road, Ambapuram, Vijayawada. Rep. by its Managing Partner, Sri S. Ramarao. ✓

**Petitioner**

**AND**

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary (Higher Education), Secretariat buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati.522238. ✓
2. The Telugu and Sanskrit Akademi, Tummalagunta, Tirupathi. 517 502. Rep. by its Director. ✓
3. The Director, The Telugu and Sanskrit Akademi, Sub-Head Quarters, G3, Prime Hill Crest, Vaddeswaram, Mangalagiri, Guntur District- 522 502. ✓
4. The Deputy Director, The Telugu and Sanskrit Akademi, Sub-Head Quarters, G3, Prime Hill Crest, Vaddeswaram, Mangalagiri, Guntur District- 522 502. ✓

**Respondents**

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 WRIT OF MANDAMUS or any other appropriate Writ, Order or direction to DECLARE the email letter dated 24.03.2026 at 9:33 pm issued by the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent directing the petitioner to stop printing work and the proceedings in Lr. Rc. No. 327/TA/Print/2026 dated 26.03.2026 issued by the

3<sup>rd</sup> respondent purportedly terminating and cancelling the work order bearing Lr. No. 327/TA/Publications/2026 dated 17.03.2026 granted to the petitioner firm with immediate effect, and other directions passed therein the impugned proceedings, as illegal, arbitrary, violation of principles of natural justice and contrary to Articles 14, 19(1)(g) & 21 of Constitution of India and consequently, SET-ASIDE the mail letter dated 24.03.2026 and the proceedings dated 26.03.2026, in the interest of justice.

**IA NO: 1 OF 2026**

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 SUSPEND the operation of email letter dated 24.03.2026 at 9:33 pm issued by the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent directing the petitioner to stop printing work, in the interest of justice, Pending disposal of WP 8334 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

**IA NO: 2 OF 2026**

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 SUSPEND the operation of proceedings in Lr. Rc. No. 327/TA/Print/2026 dated 26.03.2026 issued by the 3<sup>rd</sup> respondent purportedly terminating and cancelling the work order bearing Lr. No. 327/TA/Publications/2026 dated 17.03.2026 granted to the petitioner firm with immediate effect, in the interest of justice, Pending disposal of WP 8334 of 2026, 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 J.V.PHANIDUTH, Advocate for the Petitioner, learned GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION for the Respondent No.1, the Court made the following ORDER:

- 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. ✓

2. The brief facts are as follows:

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 vide Lr.No.327/TA/Publications/2026, dated 17.03.2026 for printing the following books:

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 copies
  6. Inter Sanskrit-II: 60,000 copies.
  7. Inter English-II: 1,30,000 copies.
  8. B.Ed Art Education: 3,000 copies.
- Total: 4,53,000 copies. ✓

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. ✓

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.

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 *vide* 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.

6. Sri Prabhala Raja Sekhar, learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner would submit that solely based on a suspicion of leakage, the Respondent-authorities cancelled the Work Order through Letter dated 26.03.2026 and the Petitioner to establish his bona fides, lodged a criminal case on the date of receipt of the show-cause notice and as the issue is under investigation, the cancellation of the Work Order in favour of the Petitioner would amount to prejudging the matter and that the Petitioner is declared guilty of the offences and reducing the police investigation into a mere formality.

7. The learned counsel further submits that the allegation made against the Petitioner by the Respondent-authorities is an issue mainly with the reputation of the Petitioner which is built over a period of time, and that the Petitioner is willing to carry out the work order in terms thereof and 50% of the contractual amount can be paid subject to the outcome of the criminal investigation.

8. Learned Government Pleader for Higher Education appearing for the Respondents would submit that the Respondents need not wait for the outcome of the police investigation, as there is a strong belief of the Respondent-authorities that the source of the leak of the publication material was only through the Petitioner alone, as the material was shared with the Petitioner. It is further contended that it would not be fair

to continue the work order in favour of the Petitioner being the person who has caused likely loss to Respondent No. 2.

9. Heard the respective counsel.

10. The impugned order cancelling the Work Order dated 17.03.2026 is based on suspicion that the leak of publication material was at the instance of the Petitioner and there is no evidence for the Respondent-authorities to substantiate the impugned order. The suspicion howsoever strong it cannot be termed to be even *prima facie* proof.

11. Secondly, as Respondent No.2 is unsure of the source of the leak of the publication material, a criminal complaint vide FIR.No.26/2026 was given before the Cyber Crime P.S., Vijayawada, and the issue is still under investigation. At this stage, to penalize the Petitioner on suspicion appears to be unfair considering their long standing reputation in the market.

12. Considering the affidavit filed by the Petitioner seeking to claim 50% of the contractual amount subject to the investigation, this Court is of the opinion that the *prima facie* case and *bona fides* are established by the Petitioner, and therefore, the following interim order is given:

i) The impugned Proceedings dated 26.03.2026 issued by Respondent No.3 is suspended pending further orders.

ii) The Petitioner shall proceed with the publication work as per the Work Order dated 17.03.2026.

iii) The Petitioner shall claim 50% of the contractual amount subject to the investigation in FIR No.26/2026, before the Cyber Crime P.S., Vijayawada, dated 25.03.2026.

12. Post this case on 07.05.2026.

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SD/- K. KASIRAO ACHARI  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR  
NB  
SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary (Higher Education), Secretariat buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati.522238, State of Andhra Pradesh (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER)
  2. The Director, Telugu and Sanskrit Akademi, Tummalagunta, Tirupathi. 517 502.
  3. The Director, The Telugu and Sanskrit Akademi, Sub-Head Quarters, G3, Prime Hill Crest, Vaddeswaram, Mangalagiri, Guntur District- 522 502.
  4. The Deputy Director, The Telugu and Sanskrit Akademi, Sub-Head Quarters, G3, Prime Hill Crest, Vaddeswaram, Mangalagiri, Guntur District- 522 502. (Addressee Nos.2 to 4 by SPEED POST)
  5. One CC to SRI. J.V.PHANIDUTH Advocate [OPUC]
  6. Two CCs to GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
  7. One spare copy
- Kj



HIGH COURT

VNJ

DATED:06/04/2026

POST THIS CASE ON 07.05.2026

ORDER

WP.No.8334 of 2026

DIRECTION

