

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

MAIN CASE No.: W.P.No.8766 of 2026

PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl. No	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
01.	06.04.2026	<u>DR. J</u> As the issue involved in the present writ petition is covered by the orders passed by this Court in W.P.No.6029 of 2026, wherein this Court has considered the submissions and granted the following orders: “The writ petition is filed declaring the action of the respondents pertaining to Notification No.3/2024, dated 09.02.2024, wherein seven posts of Assistant Directors in the A.P. Town and Country Planning Service were notified. The petitioner is eligible and having minimum qualification of M.Sc (Geography) earlier known as MA (Geography) and also PG Diploma Urban Planning & Development, he applied for the above said post in pursuance of the notification. 2. In fact, the University Grants Commission has considered the issue of equivalency and the same was clarified vide F.No.6-2/2016 (DEB-I)/347, dated: June, 2016, wherein it is clarified that the institution decided to provide a recognition to the institution to offer certain programmes through distance mode for two academic years 2016-17 and 2017-18 for the subjects annexed along with the said proceedings. The SL.No.169 pertaining to Post	(contd..)

		Graduate Diploma in Urban Planning and Development. Once, the UGC has recognised the certificates issued by the Indira Gandhi National Open University for two years i.e., 2016-17 and 2017-18 and certificate issued to the petitioner in the academic year 2016-17 comes under the recognition accorded by the UGC. Hence, the certificate, which is having by the petitioner is already recognized by the UGC, hence, the petitioner is eligible and qualified as per para 3 of the notification. 3. But, now, the respondents for the reasons best known to them though the petitioner was called for certificate verification, without deciding the eligibility of the petitioner, the respondents again called for certain other group of persons for certificate verification, which is contrary to the rules and regulations of UGC. Hence, the present writ petition is filed. 4. Learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondents on instructions has submitted that the recruitment process is still under progress and the final selection notification has not yet been issued. Clarification with regard to equivalency of certain qualifications have been sought from the unit officer and till getting relevant information from the unit officer, they will not finalise the selection. 5. Recording the said submission, list the matter after two (2) weeks, for filing counter. 6. If any clarifications are received, the respondent-authorities shall provide the opportunity to the petitioner before finalization of the selection pursuant to the impugned notification.”	
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		Pursuant to the above said orders, instead of considering the case of the petitioner in terms of the exemption granted by the UGC in March 2021, the respondents straightaway rejected the case of the petitioner stating that she is not eligible. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submitted that in fact, an identical issue has already been considered by the Hon'ble Apex Court with regard to the certificates of qualifications and the certificates issued by the IGNOU. Further, he has also brought to the notice of this Court that, while rejecting the case of the petitioner in W.P.No.6029 of 2026, the 1st respondent has finalized the selections and sent the selection list on 23.03.2026. But, the fact remains that no appointments have been made so far. Considering the said submissions and on perusal of the record, there shall be a direction to respondent Nos.2 and 3 not to fill up one post of Assistant Director in A.P. Town and Country Planning Service. List the matter after two (2) weeks. DR, J <u>Note:</u> Issue CC in two days (B/o) lvd	
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