



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

TUESDAY, THE TWENTY FIRST DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 10460 OF 2026

Between:

1. SREE TIRUMALESA DEGREE COLLEGE, K.C. Palli Road,
Tirumala Nagar, Penumur, Chittoor Dist. Andhra Pradesh -
517126 Represented by its Secretary and Correspondent

...Petitioner

AND

1. THE STATE OF AP, Rep. by its Principal Secretary Social
Welfare Department, AP Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi,
Guntur Dist.

2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary,
Finance Department, AP Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi,
Guntur Dist.

3. The Director, Social Welfare Department, Government of
Andhra Pradesh, T.G. Plaza Building, Tadepalli, Guntur Dist.,
Andhra Pradesh

...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 a Writ, Order or
Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of
Mandamus declaring the action of the Respondents in not
releasing the difference amounts to the tune of Rs. 8,12,376/- to
the Petitioner's Institution towards reimbursement of the

expenditure incurred by them under the Reimbursement of Tuition Fee (RTF) Scheme for the students admitted in the academic years 2018-19 and 2019-20 as being arbitrary, illegal and violation of Articles 14, 16, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India and also in contravention of Government Orders and direct the Respondents to release the amounts to the tune of Rs. 8,12,376/- towards the difference in Reimbursement of Tuition Fee (RTF) to the Petitioner College, together with interest at 24 percent per annum 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 Respondents to consider the Memo No.C-1(3)/Change of Course 2018-19 and 2019-20 dated 15-12-2022 addressed by Registrar, SV University to the Director, Social Welfare Department and Memo No. Roc No/C 1/111/RTF- 2024 dated 09-04-2025 addressed by District SC Welfare and Empowerment Officer, Chittoor to the Director, Social Welfare Department, the Respondent No. 3 recommending to pay the difference RTF amount of Rs. 8,12,376/- and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner: HEMANTH KUMAR VEMURI

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR SOCIAL WELFARE

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR FINANCE PLANNING

The Court made the following order:

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY**W.P.No.10460 of 2026****O R D E R:**

1. The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the action of the Respondents in not releasing the admitted due amount to a tune of Rs.8,12,376/- together with interest thereon @ 24% per annum to the Petitioner Institution towards reimbursement of the expenditure incurred by them under the 'Reimbursement of Tuition Fee (RTF) scheme' for the academic years 2018-19 and 2019-2020.

2. The facts leading to filing of this petition are as follows:

The petitioner is a private unaided college. In order to promote academic education in the State, State Government had introduced a scheme originally titled as Right to Tuition Fee (RTE) and Maintenance fee of Student (MTF) through the Social Welfare Department. The students are allotted to the petitioner institution through the social welfare department. For the academic years 2018-19 and 2019-2020, the petitioner college was allotted students as per the schemes, but the amounts were not credited to the college accounts though there is no dispute with regard to the amount due.

3. It is further stated that "Jnanabhumi" smart portal was created to streamline the post metric scholarships eco-system vide G.O.Ms.No.45, Social Welfare (Edn.2) Department, on 09.06.2017. It is stated that the said portal has all the details of

the colleges and the students admitted among other stakeholder details. Vide G.O.Ms.No.81, Social Welfare (Edn.2) Department, dated 07.05.2019, the Jnanabhumi portal was modified for better services. It is stated that the amounts due to the colleges under RTF and MTF schemes would be available on this “Jnanabhumi” portal with details of the student.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in the face of the availability of details of amounts due to the petitioner college under the above mentioned schemes, there is no justification to delay the payments.

5. The learned Government Pleader, on instructions received from the Director of Social Welfare Department, submits that the writ petitioner has wrongly described the claimed amount as “admitted dues” under the fee reimbursement scheme. It is submitted that the said amount represents only the petitioner’s claim and not admitted dues. The dues are calculated strictly in accordance with the data available on the Jnanabhumi portal, which is the online platform for registration of applications, verification, processing, and release of fee reimbursement amounts.

6. Considering the submissions on both sides, this Writ Petition is disposed of, with the following directions:-

(i) The Respondents concerned are directed to examine the claim of the Petitioner as per the Jnanabhumi

portal within a period of eight (08) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

(ii) On verification, the amount due to the petitioner shall be paid to the petitioner within a period of three (3) months thereafter.

(iii) There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, the miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in this Petition shall stand closed

NYAPATHY VIJAY, J

Date: 21.04.2026
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Dt. 21.04.2026

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