

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

**FRIDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF JULY,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**



:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

WRIT PETITION NO: 8369 OF 2018

Between:

N.Munuswamy, S/o. Nataraj, Aged 44 years, Occ: Employee, R/o. No.5 'B'
Block, Giriapp Road, T.Nagar, Chennai – 600017.

...Petitioner

AND

1. The Union of India, Rep. by Secretary to the Government of India,
(Higher Education) Ministry of HRD, 124-C, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
-110011.
2. The Regional Director, National Institute of Open Schooling Regional
Center, Visakhapatnam, No.5th Floor, B.Block, VUDA Complex,
Sripuram, Visakapatnam – 530003.

...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, an order or direction, more particularly, one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in issuing the proceedings in letter No.F.525.17/2016/RC/Gen.Adm./Gen.Letter/10068 dated 10.01.2018 as illegal, arbitrary, and abuse of powers and set aside the same by directing the respondent No.2 to correct the date of birth in all the certificates issued by the respondent No.2, in the interest of justice.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof upon hearing the arguments of Sri Chetluru Sreenivas, Advocate for the Petitioner and of Sri Pelleti Rajesh Kumar

(CENTRAL GOVT COUNSEL) for Respondent No.1, the Court made the following

ORDER:

“Ms.Praveen Chauhan, Regional Director, National Institute of Open Schooling, Regional Office, Hyderabad, appeared virtually. She is directed to file an affidavit explaining as to how she could appoint a counsel particularly when there are Central Government Counsel and whether she has power or authorization to her to appoint counsel of her choice.

Post on 06.07.2026.”

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DEPUTY REGISTRAR**

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To,

1. One CC to Sri Chetluru Sreenivas, Advocate [OPUC]
2. One CC to Sri Pelleti Rajesh Kumar (Central Govt Counsel) [OPUC]
3. One spare copy.

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HIGH COURT

RC,J

DATE:03/07/2026

NOTE: POST ON 06.07.2026

ORDER

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DIRECTION