



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

[3460]

MONDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 10380/2026

Between:

1. ADITYA ENGINEERING COLLEGE AN AUTONOMOUS (UG), REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY SRI. PADALA BHASKARA REDDY ADITYA NAGAR, ADB ROAD, SURAMPALEM, KAKINADA DISTRICT (ERSTWHILE EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT) ANDHRA PRADESH.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF AP, REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AP SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.522238
2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, TULLURU, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.522238
3. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY FINANCE DEPARTMENT, TULLURU, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.522238
4. THE DIRECTOR, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH VELAGAPUDI,

GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.522238

...RESPONDENT(S):

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 topleased to issue an appropriate writ more in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the Respondents in not releasing the admitted due amounts to the Petitioner Institution to a tune of Rs. 4,56,26,395/- (Four Crores Fifty Six Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Five Rupees) towards reimbursement of the expenditure incurred by them under the Reimbursement of Tuition Fee (RTF) scheme for the academic years 2013-14 to 2021-22 for obvious reasons as being arbitrary, illegal and violating Articles 14, 16, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India and also in contravention of the GO Ms. No.81, Social Welfare Department, Dated 07-05-2019 and GO Ms. No.115, Social Welfare Department, Dated 30-11-2019 and consequential Government Orders and consequently direct the Respondents to release the admitted amount to a tune of Rs. 4,56,26,395/- (Four Crores Fifty Six Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Five Rupees) towards Reimbursement of Tuition Fee (RTF) for the academic years 2013-14 to 2021-22 to the Petitioner institution together with interest thereon @ 24 percent per annum and issue such other writ or order or direction as deemed fit and proper in the circumstances of case.

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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 pleased to direct the Respondents to release the admitted amount to a tune of Rs. 4,56,26,395/- (Four Crores Fifty Six Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Five Rupees) towards Reimbursement of Tuition Fee (RTF) for the academic years 2013-14 to 2021-22 to the Petitioner institution together with interest thereon @ 24% per

annum, pending disposal of the Writ Petition, in the interest of justice and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. SRI VIJAY MATHUKUMILLI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
2. GP FOR SOCIAL WELFARE
3. GP FOR FINANCE PLANNING

The Court made the following:

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY**W.P.No.10380 of 2026****ORDER:**

The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the action of the Respondents in not releasing the admitted due amount to a tune of Rs.4,56,26,395/- (Rupees Four Crore Fifty Six Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Five only), together with interest thereon @24% per annum to the Petitioner/Institution towards reimbursement of the expenditure incurred by the Petitioner/Institution under the 'Reimbursement of Tuition Fee (RTF) Scheme' for the academic years 2013-14 to 2021-22, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. The facts in brief are as follows:

The Petitioner is a private un-aided college. In order to promote academic education in the State, State Government had introduced a scheme originally titled as 'Right to Tuition Fee (RTF)' 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 2013-14 to 2021-22, the

Petitioner/Institution was allotted students as per the scheme, but the amounts were not credited to the college account, 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, dated 09.06.2017 and the said portal has all the details of the colleges and the students admitted among other stakeholder details. Thereafter, the “Jnanabhumi” portal was modified for better services *vide* G.O.Ms.No.81, Social Welfare (Edn.2) Department, dated 07.05.2019. It is further submitted that the amounts due to the colleges under ‘RTF’ and ‘MTF’ schemes would be available on this “Jnanabhumi” portal with details of the students.

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner/Institution submits that in the face of the availability of details of amounts due to the Petitioner/Institution under the above mentioned schemes, there is no justification to delay the payments.

5. Learned Government Pleader, on instructions received from the Director of Social Welfare Department *vide* letter

dated 26.11.2025, submits that the Petitioner/Institution has wrongly described the claimed amount as “admitted dues” under the ‘Fee Reimbursement Scheme’. It is further submitted that the said amount represents only the Petitioner/Institution’s claim and not admitted dues and 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 Amount.

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

- (i) The Respondent-Authorities are directed to examine the claim of the Petitioner/Institution 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/Institution shall be paid to the Petitioner/Institution within a period of three (03) 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.

Date: 20.04.2026
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NYAPATHY VIJAY, J

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

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Dt. 20.04.2026

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