



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

**TUESDAY, THE TWENTY EIGHTH DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 10571 OF 2026

Between:

1. Sri Venkateswara College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous),, Represented by its Principal Sri. M. Mohan Babu RVS Nagar, Tirupathi Road, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh.

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Principal Secretary Social Welfare Department, Tulluru, Secretariat Buildings Velagapudi, Guntur District.522238

2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Principal Secretary Tribal Welfare Department, Tulluru, Secretariat Buildings Velagapudi, Guntur District522238

3. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Principal Secretary Finance Department, Tulluru, Secretariat Buildings Velagapudi, Guntur District522238

4. The Director, Social Welfare Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh T.G. Plaza Building, Tadepalli, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh522503

5. The Director, BC Welfare Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh. Vishal Residency, 2nd and 3rd Floors, Tadigadapa, Kanuru, Vijayawada - 521134.

6. The Director, Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh. D.No. 40-3/1-46-4A, Ward No. 13, Koneru Lakshmaiah Street, Moghalrajapuram, Vijayawada - 520010.

7. The Director, Minority Welfare Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh. 2nd Floor, Ambedkar Bhavan, New Collectorate, Reddygunta, Chittoor - 517002, 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 an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the inaction of the Respondents in not reprocessing and releasing the already sanctioned tuition fee reimbursement amounts pertaining to the Academic Years 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020, which were returned to the Government account due to change in the bank account of the Petitioner institution, as illegal, arbitrary and violative of Articles 14 and 19(1)(g) of the Constitution of India, and consequently direct the Respondents to forthwith regenerate the sanctioned bills and release the said amounts into the updated bank account of the Petitioner institution, within a time frame as may be fixed by this Honble Court, and pass such

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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 provisionally process and release the tuition fee reimbursement amounts already sanctioned and lying in the Government account in respect of the Petitioner institution, into its updated bank account, pending disposal of the above Writ Petition and pass such

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI VIJAY MATHUKUMILLI

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.10571 of 2026****O R D E R:**

The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the action of the Respondents in not releasing the admitted due amount to a tune of Rs. 54,51,225/- 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 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20.

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 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, 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. It is stated that on the basis of data available, though the Respondents had quantified amount due to the Petitioner College, the amounts could not be credited into the notified bank account of the Petitioner on account of KYC issues.

5. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that subsequently, the KYC issues were addressed by the Petitioner and the notified Bank Account is now in active status. Subsequently, the Petitioner submitted representation dated 20.09.2025 to the Respondent Authorities to credit the quantified amount to the said bank account. However, the representation of the Petitioner is not considered.

6. Learned Assistant Government Pleader submits that the representation of the Petitioner would be examined and an appropriation decision will be taken with regard to payment of amounts.

7. Considering the submissions made, this Writ Petition is disposed of, with the following directions:-

(i) The Respondents are directed to examine the representation of the Petitioner College, dated 20.09.2025 with

regard to the amounts due under the ' Reimbursement of Tuition Fee (RFT)' within a period of Eight Weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of the Order.

(ii) On verification, the amount due to the petitioner shall be paid 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: 28.04.2026

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Dt. 28.04.2026

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