

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

W.P.No.10987 of 2026

PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl. No.	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
	24.04.2026	<u>VN, J</u> The Writ Petition is filed questioning the Proceedings issued by the Respondent No.2 vide Lr.No.01/O.P-V/FRS-ATT/2026, dated 09.04.2026, for linking Faculty Registration and Facial Recognition System for the grant of affiliation to B.E.D. colleges on the respective universities. The Petitioner No.1 is an Association of Private B.E.D Colleges. Petitioner No.2 to 5 are offering B.E.D Courses to the aspirants. The Petitioner Nos. 2 to 5 had requisite permissions and affiliations from the respective authorities. While so, the Respondent No.2 vide impugned Proceedings dated 09.04.2026 issued certain conditions for grant of affiliation by the respective universities. As per the impugned Proceedings, the following conditions were mandated for grant of affiliation: “ <u>Nomination & Registration of Nodal Officer</u> Each Higher Education Institution shall nominate a Nodal Officer responsible for coordination and implementation of LEAP Higher and FRS. The nominated Nodal Officer shall be registered on the LEAP-HE/FRS portal at https://aphep.rnits.technology.	

		<u>Faculty Registration and Facial Recognition System (FRS)</u> All institutions shall ensure that complete and accurate faculty details are registered as part of the integration process. Only those faculty members who have completed FRS registration shall be reflected and made visible in the Affiliation Portal for the respective institution. <u>Linkage of Affiliation and Admissions Counselling</u> Access to the Affiliation Portal shall be enabled only for those institutions that have completed institutional registration, nomination and registration of the Nodal Officer, and faculty registration along with successful Facial Recognition System (FRS) verification. <u>Responsibility and Accountability</u> The Principal/ Head of the Institution shall be personally responsible for ensuring completion of all above processes. Therefore, all the Principals/Heads of Institutions are directed to ensure strict compliance of the above instructions and confirm the implementation immediately”. These conditions are questioned in this Writ Petition on the ground that Respondent No. 2 does not have any authority to impinge on the power and discretion of the universities to grant affiliation in accordance with the norms. It is further submitted that these conditions are not traceable to any statutory power and, if at all the pre-requisite conditions are to be imposed for grant of affiliation; the concerned authority is the government and not Respondent No. 2. Alternatively, learned counsel for the Petitioner would submit that it is not possible to comply with the conditions in the time fixed by the Respondent Authorities for grant of affiliation, as there would be a change of faculty of the	
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		institutions since the institutions issued public notifications for recruitment and in that context, the time frame fixed is short and cannot be insisted upon. Learned Government Pleader submits that the instructions issued in the impugned Proceedings are to the Universities for grant of affiliation and as long as the Universities have accepted the conditions imposed in the impugned Proceedings, the Petitioners cannot have any grievance, nor do they have locus standi to question these proceedings. He further submits that, subsequent to the impugned Proceedings, Lr. No. 11/APCHE(CE)/Affiliation/2026-2027, dated 23.04.2026, was issued extending the time limit for submission of information, as mentioned in the impugned Proceedings, up to 10.05.2026. Heard the respective counsels. There is some merit in the contention of the learned counsel for the Petitioner <i>vis a vis</i> the time frame fixed as a pre-condition for grant of affiliation. As the time frame fixed appears to be difficult to comply, there shall be an interim direction as follows: i) The online portal for the affiliation process will be opened by the Respondent Authorities to enable the Petitioners and also to Colleges	
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		offering B.E.D degree for affiliation by the respective Universities. ii) The respective Universities may undertake physical verification for grant of affiliation as per the norms fixed. iii) In the interregnum, the Petitioners' Colleges will complete the Faculty Registration and Facial Recognition process within the time frame fixed in Lr. No. 11/APCHE(CE)/Affiliation/2026-2027, dated 23.04.2026, by 10.05.2026. iv) In the event of any delay in adhering to the time frame fixed in the Letter dated 10.05.2026, the individual Colleges may seek an extension from the respective Universities and the respective Universities shall grant reasonable time to the respective Colleges on a case-to-case basis for complying with faculty registration and facial recognition. v) The validity of the impugned Proceedings would be decided after filing the Counter Affidavit by the Respondents. For filing Counter Affidavit by the Respondents, post on 29.06.2026. _____ VN, J eha..	
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