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

[3504]

FRIDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE MAHESWARA RAO KUNCHEAM

WRIT PETITION NO: 34010/2017

Between:

1. S. RAVI, S/O. S. OSURAPPA, AGED 25 YEARS, H. NO. 9-48, SULTHANPET, NARPALA (VIL. & MDL.), ANANTAPUR DISTRICT.
2. DR. V. HANUMA REDDY,, S/O. V. RAMACHANDRA REDDY, AGED 31 YEARS, R/O.H. NO. 1-65, BUBUSANI PALLI (VIL.), MYLAVARAM (MDL.), JAMMALAMADUGU, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. Sri KRISHNADEVARAYA UNIVERSITY, REP. BY REGISTRAR, S.K. UNIVERSITY, ANANTHAPURAMU, ANANTHAPURAMU DISTRICT.
2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT

...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 to issue any writ, order or direction particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS declaring the notification Nos. SKU/T-Estt./Advt. 3/Backlog-Asst. Prof./2017, dt. 14-09-2017 for Assistant Professors and SKU/T-Estt./Advt. 2/Backlog-Asso. Prof./2017, dt. 14-09-2017 for Associate

Professors as far as the ST posts are concerned as illegal and by setting aside the same direct the respondent university to issue prope notification

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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 stay all further proceeding in respect of the notification Nos. SKU/T-Estt./Advt. 3/Backlog-Asst. Prof./2017, dt. 14-09-2017 for Assistant Professors and SKU/T-Estt./Advt. 2/Backlog Asso. Prof./2017, dt. 14-09-2017 for Associate Professors as far as ST posts are concerned pending disposal of the above writ petition

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1.A V S LAXMI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.O UDAYA KUMAR SC For S K UNIVERSITY

2.GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION (AP)

The Court made the following:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE MAHESWARA RAO KUNCHEAM

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ORDER:-

The instant writ petition has been filed by the petitioners under Article 226 of Constitution of India seeking the following main prayer:

“to issue any writ order or direction particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS declaring the notification Nos.SKU/T-Estt./Advt.3/Backlog-Asst.Prof./2017, dt. 14.09.2017 for Assistant Professors and SKU/T-Estt./Advt.2/Backlog-Asso. Prof./2017, dt.14.09.2017 for Associate Professors as far as the ST posts are concerned as illegal and by setting aside the same direct the respondent university to issue prope notification and to pass”

2. The substratum of the case is that the petitioners are aspirants for the post of Assistant Professor in the respondent University under the ST category. Accordingly, they have challenged the notification dated 14.09.2017. The respondents have not filed any counter-affidavit.

3. When the matter was taken up for hearing, on 13.02.2026 this Court passed the following order:

“No representation for the petitioners in the morning and afternoon sessions.

Learned Standing Counsel for the respondent University submits that notification under challenge in the present writ petition had not been acted upon and subsequently another fresh notification was issued by the respondent University.

In order to give one more opportunity to the petitioners, post next week under the caption for dismissal.”

4. Today, when the matter was taken up for hearing, Mr. O. Udaya Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for the respondent University, submitted that the notification dated 14.09.2017 has not been acted upon. The learned Standing Counsel further submitted that, subsequent to the said notification dated 14.09.2017, another notification was issued in the year 2023, and a writ petition challenging the notification of 2023 is also pending before this Court.

5. In view of the same, Mr. S.Prem, learned counsel representing Ms.A.V.S. Lakshmi, learned counsel for the petitioners, submits that the matter may be closed by recording the submission of the learned Standing Counsel for the respondent University.

6. Accordingly, recording the submissions of the learned Standing Counsel for the respondent University, the Writ Petition is closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, all pending applications shall stand closed.

JUSTICE MAHESWARA RAO KUNCHEAM

Date: 20.02.2026

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