

**(SHOW CAUSE NOTICE BEFORE ADMISSION)
IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
TUESDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**



: PRESENT:

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY
WRIT PETITION NO: 13068 OF 2026**

Between:

Thambi Pranavi, D/o Late Nancharaiah, Aged about 17 years, being a Minor,
Represented by her Natural guardian Mother, Smt. Thambi Lakshmi Priya,
W/o. Late Nancharaiah, Aged about 41 years, R/o Jonnawada Village,
Bucchireddypalem Mandal, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District, A.P. - 524346.

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary,. Social Welfare Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District - 522238.
2. The District Collector, Nellore, Nellore District - 524001.
3. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Nellore, Nellore District - 524001.
4. The Tahsildar, Buchireddypalem Mandal, Buchireddyplem, Nellore District - 524305.

Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioner above named through her Advocate Sri K Koutilya, presented this 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, Order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the proceedings vide Rc.C.No.160/2026, dt.30-01-2026 by Respondents No.3 respectively, as illegal, unjust, arbitrary, discriminatory and violation of Articles 14, 16, 21, and

341 of the Constitution of India and contrary to the Constitution (Scheduled) Caste Order, 1950 and A.P. SC, ST & BC Regulation of issue of Community Certificates Act, 1993 and the Rules made thereunder and consequently set aside the proceedings vide Rc.C.No.160/2026, dt.30-01-2026, by direct the respondents to issue SC - Samban cast certificate to the petitioner.

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and affidavit filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri K Koutilya, Advocate for the Petitioner, and of GP for Social Welfare for Respondent No.1, and of GP for Revenue for Respondent Nos. 2 to 4, directed issue of notice to the Respondents herein to show cause as to why this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

You viz:

1. The Principal Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Social Welfare Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District - 522238.
2. The District Collector, Nellore, Nellore District - 524001.
3. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Nellore, Nellore District - 524001.
4. The Tahsildar, Buchireddypalem Mandal, Buchireddypalem, Nellore District - 524305.

are be and hereby directed to show cause within four (04) weeks to which date the case stands posted as to why in the circumstances set out in the petition and the affidavit filed therewith (copy enclosed) this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

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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 4th respondent to issue SC-Samban provisional caste certificate to the petitioner as per rule 19 of A.P. (SC, ST & BCs) Regulation of Issuance of Community Certificates Act, 1993 and Rules made there under, Pending disposal of WP No.13068 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The Court made the following: ORDER

1. Notice before admission, returnable in four weeks.
2. The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the proceedings issued by Respondent No.3 *vide* Rc.No.160/2026, dated 30.01.2026, as illegal and arbitrary.
3. It was submitted that the Petitioner is appearing for the Andhra Pradesh Engineering, Agricultural and Pharmacy Common Entrance Test and Joint Entrance examination, and in that context, she had applied for issuance of 'Samban' caste (Scheduled Caste (for short, 'S.C') community) certificate, as the Petitioner claims to be belonging to the 'Samban' caste ('S.C' community). The Petitioner relied upon the community certificate issued in favour of her paternal uncle and Transfer Certificate (T.C) issued in her favour in support of her claim.
4. The application of the Petitioner was rejected *vide* impugned proceedings on the ground that persons who does not belong to 'Samban' caste ('S.C' community) are obtaining community certificate as 'Samban' caste ('S.C' community). Apart from that, reliance was also placed on an interim order passed by Division Bench of this Court in W.P.No.19125 of 2008, wherein this Court restrained issuance of community certificate to the people of 'Sambuni Kapu' caste.

5. Sri K. Koutilya, learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that there is no dispute with regard to the issuance of caste certificate to the paternal uncle of the Petitioner namely 'Thambi Suresh,' and further submitted that the Transfer Certificate (T.C) issued by the school, namely 'St. Thomas English Medium High School, mentions that the Petitioner belongs to the Hindu religion- 'Samban' caste ('S.C' community).

6. Smt. Sayanima Oruganti, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Revenue appearing for Respondent Nos.2 to 4 submitted that, the impugned proceedings need not be faulted, as the same were passed after noting the fact that there is no 'Samban' caste ('S.C' community) in Nellore district and further submitted that 'Sambuni Kapu' community and 'Samban' caste ('S.C' community) are one and the same.

7. Heard the counsels.

8. In the impugned proceedings, a report was submitted by the Tahasildar, Buchireddypalem Mandal, wherein it was stated that Smt. Tambi Lakshmi Priya is residing at Door No.3/28, Water Tank Street, Jonnawada Village along with her two children and her husband died and that the native place of her husband is Ramatheertham Village, Vidavalur Mandal.

9. The reasons given in the impugned proceedings are not with regard to the facts of the case of the Petitioner, but the impugned proceedings were passed on the ground that, interim direction was given by this Court in W.P.No.19125/2008, dated 14.09.2008 and that there are no people belonging to 'Samban' caste ('S.C' community) in the Nellore district as per the gazette published in the year 1954.

10. This reasoning appears to be a misconception, as the interim direction passed by this Court in W.P.No.19125/2008, dated 14.09.2008 was not to issue any community certificate to the people of 'Sambuni Kapu' caste and not with regard to the 'Samban' caste ('S.C' community).

11. The Petitioner claims to be a member of 'Samban' caste ('S.C' community), which is one of the notified communities at Serial No.3(44) of the annexure mentioned for Andhra Pradesh Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes - Issue of Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificates Rules, 1997.

12. In the light of the above, there shall be an interim order as under:-

(i) The Respondent No.3 is directed to examine the community certificate, dated 30.08.2007 issued in favour of the paternal uncle of the Petitioner namely 'Thambi Suresh'.

(ii) In the event, the relationship between the 'Thambi Suresh' and the Petitioner is established, the Respondent No.3 is further directed to issue provisional caste certificate under Rule 19 of Andhra Pradesh Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes - Issue of Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificates Rules, 1997, pending further orders.

(iii) This exercise shall be completed within a period of three (03) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

13. Post along with W.P.No.9104 of 2026.

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SD/- P.VINOD KUMAR
DEPUTY REGISTRAR


SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Social Welfare Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District - 522238.
2. The District Collector, Nellore, Nellore District - 524001.
3. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Nellore, Nellore District - 524001.
4. The Tahsildar, Buchireddypalem Mandal, Buchireddyplem, Nellore District - 524305. (1 to 4 by RPAD- along with a copy of petition and affidavit)
5. One CC to Sri K Koutilya, Advocate [OPUC]
6. Two CCs to GP for Social Welfare, High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
7. Two CCs to GP for Revenue, High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
8. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

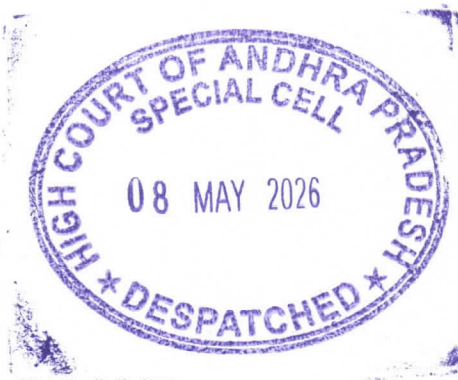
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DATED: 05/05/2026

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