

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE K. SREENIVASA REDDY

Writ Petition No.20710 of 2025

Order:

This Writ Petition has been filed to declare the inaction of the Respondent No.3 in disposing of the Appeal, vide RC.No.1074/2025/CS, which was filed challenging the Rejection Order issued by Respondent No.4 for issuance of a Scheduled Tribe (SC) caste certificate (Kondadora community), through an endorsement, vide, letter No.344/2020/C-1, dated 13.10.2020 as illegal, arbitrary and violative of Articles 14, 15 & 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently, direct the Respondent No.3 to dispose of the appeal as expeditiously by fixing the time frame, stating that there is urgency and necessity for the caste certificate to enable the petitioner to avail reservation benefits and participate in the NEET – UG 2025 counselling process, considering the strict medical admission timelines.

2. The petitioner was adopted on 21.09.2017. at the age of 10 years, by one Aluru Simhachalam, resident of N. Mugala Village, Vizianagaram District, from her biological parents. The adoption was formalized through a Registered Adoption Deed issued by the Sub-

Registrar of Parvathipuram Mandal, Vizianagaram District. Pursuant to the same, the petitioner's surname was changed to Aluru and her adopted mother's caste, Kondadora (ST), was updated in her school records, Aadhar Card, Ration Card and other documents. The petitioner completed her Intermediate course in Bi.P.C and community certificate is essential for her further studies since they are economically weak. On the aforesaid reason, a representation has been made before the Respondent No.4-The Tahsildar, Parvathipuram Mandal and District, for issuance of a social status certificate to the petitioner. On such representation, the Respondent No.4 by an order, dated 13.10.2020 rejected the same on the assertion that Section 2(2) of the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956, prohibits issuing ST certificate to a child adopted from the OC community, even if the adoptive parent is ST. Against the said rejection order, the petitioner filed an appeal before the Respondent No.3/Appellant Authority & District Collector, Parvathipuram Manyam District on 13.03.2025 and though the appeal is pending from the month of March, 2025, till date no order has been passed for the reasons best known.

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that there is urgency and necessity for the caste certificate, to enable the petitioner to avail reservation benefits and participate in the NEET – UG 2025 counselling process, considering the strict medical admission timeline.

4. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, without going into the merits of the case, this Court directs the Respondent No.3 to dispose of the appeal preferred by the petitioner within a period of two (2) weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

5. With the above direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of.

Miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, shall stand disposed of.

K. SREENIVASA REDDY, J.

Date: 06.08.2025
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