

FORM-I
NOTICE FOR APPEARANCE IN PERSON AFTER ADMISSION
(SEE RULE 18)
IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(Original Jurisdiction)

TUESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF FEBRUARY,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND
AND
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE SUBHENDU SAMANTA
CONTEMPT CASE NO: 4782 OF 2023



Between:

B.Vani Grace, D/o B.Prasad, Aged about 44 Years, Unaided Lecturer in English, Andhra Christian College, Guntur, Guntur District, AP.

**...Petitioner/Appellant in WA.No.873/2021/
Writ Petitioner in WP.No.10252/2019**

AND

1. Shri J.Syamala Rao, IAS, Presently working as Principal Secretary to Govt., Higher Education Department, Government of AP, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District, AP.
2. Dr.Pola Bhaskar, IAS, Presently working as Commissioner, Collegiate Education, Government of AP, Garudadri KK Towers, Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Colony, Mangalagiri - 522503, Guntur district, AP.
3. Shri Kona Sasidhar, IAS, Working as Principal Secretary to Government Higher Education Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur District, A.P.
4. Sri Narayana Bharath Gupta, IAS, Commissioner of Higher Education Commissionerate, Garudadri KK Towers, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, A.P.

(RR3 and 4 are impleaded as per Court Order dated 06 05 2025 vide I A No 1 of 2025 in C C No 4782 of 2023)

5. Mr.Peeyush Kumar, Principal Secretary of the Finance Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(R 5 is impleaded as per court order dated 03.02.2026 in CC No-4782 of 2023)

...Contemnors/Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioner has presented under Sections 10 to 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act 1971 r/w Article 215 of the Constitution of India, the above case through his counsel Sri G.Elisha, praying the High Court to punish the Respondents for their willful and deliberate disobedience of the order in W.A.No.873 of 2021 dated 06.01.2023;

WHEREAS the said case coming on for hearing on this day and whereas the High Court upon perusing the affidavit filed herein and the order of High Court dated 01.12.2023, 06.05.2025, 27.10.2025, 11.11.2025, 18.11.2025 & 06.01.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri G.Elisha, Advocate for the Petitioner and of Sri K.V.Raghuvver, Advocate for Respondent Nos.1 and 2 and of Sri G.Rama Chandra Rao, Advocate for Respondent Nos.3 and 4, Court made the following

ORDER:

“On 09.12.2025, learned counsel appearing for the respondents submitted before this Court that the concurrence of the Finance Department was necessary to grant such consequential benefits and steps were being taken to obtain such concurrence.

On 06.01.2026, learned counsel for the respondents submitted that the proposals had been sent by the Director of Collegiate Education to the Principal Secretary to Government, for approval of the proposal to grant petitioner proper scale of pay and for payment of arrears.

Today, the respondent No.3 appeared before this Court and represents that the proposals sent by them to the Finance Department have been rejected.

In view of the fact that the order passed by this Court has become final by judgment in S.L.P.Nos.13650 of 2020 and batch, dated 08.04.2025 passed by the Apex Court, it appears that the officers of the different departments are raising objections without any basis to implement the orders of the Court in true letter and spirit.

At present, the Finance Department is sitting on implementation of the Court orders without considering the proposals sent by the Education Department. Under these circumstances, we are of the *prima facie* view that the Finance Department is obstructing to implement the orders of the Court.

Accordingly, Mr. Peeyush Kumar, Principal Secretary of the Finance Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, has to be impleaded as one of the respondents in this case.

Registry is directed to implead Mr. Peeyush Kumar, Principal Secretary of the Finance Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh as Respondent No.5 and issue notice in Form-I to him to appear before this Court.

Post on 03.03.2026.”

To

Mr.Peeyush Kumar, Principal Secretary of the Finance Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh.

WHEREAS your attendance is necessary to answer the charge under Sections 10 to 12 of Contempt of Courts Act viz; for willful and deliberate disobedience of the orders of this Hon'ble Court passed in W.A No.873 of 2021 dated 06.01.2023.

Therefore, you, viz ;

Mr.Peeyush Kumar, Principal Secretary of the Finance Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh.

are hereby required to appear in person before the High Court of Andhra Pradesh at Amaravati (Nelapadu) on 03.03.2026 at 10.30 A.M and show cause as to why you shall not be punished or other appropriate order be not passed against you for contempt of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh, at Amaravati.

You shall attend the High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati at Nelapadu, in person on 03.03.2026 at 10.30 A.M and shall continue to attend the High Court on all days thereafter to which date the case against you stands adjourned, and until final orders are passed on the charge against you.

Herein fail not.


DEPUTY REGISTRAR

To,

1. The District Judge, Guntur, Guntur District (By **SPECIAL MESSENGER** in duplicate along with a copy of petition and affidavit to serve on Respondent No.5 and to return to this Court before 03.03.2026)
2. Mr.Peeyush Kumar, Principal Secretary of the Finance Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Guntur District.(by **SPECIAL MESSENGER** - along with a copy of petition and affidavit)
3. One spare copy.

PSD

HIGH COURT

**DEV,J
&
SS,J**

DATE:03/02/2026

NOTE: POST ON 03.03.2026

ORDER

CC.No.4782 of 2023

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT NO.5

