



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

[3460]

**TUESDAY, THE TENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 24529/2025

Between:

1.DEVIREDDY SAROJA, D/O. VENKATESWARA RAO,
AGED 28 YEARS, OCC STUDENT, R/O. D.NO. 1-21-A,
MAIN ROAD, NIDAMARRU VILLAGE AND MANDAL,
ELURU DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

AND

1.THE STATE OF AP, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL
SECRETARY, SOCIAL WELFARE (ED) DEPARTMENT,
SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, THULLUR
MANDAL, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.

2.THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, GOVERNMENT
OF ANDHRA PRADESH, OPP MANIPAL HOSPITAL,
3RDFLOOR, TG PLAZA, TADEPALLI, GUNTUR
DISTRICT.

3.STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, BC WELFARE DEPARTMENT,
SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, THULLUR
MANDAL, AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.

4.THE DIRECTOR, ECONOMICALLY BACKWARD
 CLASSED WELFARE DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT
 OF ANDHRA PRADESH, TADEPALLI, GUNTUR
 DISTRICT.

5.THE DISTRICT ECONOMICALLY BACKWARD CLASSES,
 (EBC) WELFARE OFFICER, ELURU DISTRICT, ELURU.
 RR 3 TO 5 ARE IMPEADED AS PER THE COURT'S
 ORDER DT.13.11.2025 IN I.A.NO.02 OF 2025.

...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 a Writ, Order, or Direction more particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS or any other appropriate writ or direction declaring the action of the respondents in not releasing the due amount of installments to a sum of Rs. 13,28,342/- equivalent to 11200 (Pounds) to be provided to the Petitioner under financial assistance to weaker section eligible students to pursue Higher Education in foreign countries as recommended by the 2nd Respondent under Overseas Education Financial Assistance Scheme (Jagananna Videshi Vidya Deevena Scheme) is illegal, arbitrary and violative of Art 14 and 21 of Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to release the financial assistance to the Petitioner for sum of Rs. 13,28,342/- equivalent to 1200 (Pounds) for her course forthwith and pass

IA NO: 1 OF 2025

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 respondents to consider for release an amount of Rs. 13,28,342/- equivalent to £11200 (Pounds) towards financial assistance to the Petitioner under Overseas Education Financial Assistance

Scheme (Jagananna Videshi Vidya Deevena Scheme) forthwith pending disposal of the main Writ Petition and pass

IA NO: 2 OF 2025

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 implead the

- 1). State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary, BC Welfare Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Thullur Mandal, Amaravati, Guntur District,
- 2) The Director, Economically Backward Classes Welfare Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalli, Guntur District,
- 3) The District Economically Backward Classes (EBC) Welfare Officer, Eluru District, Eluru as party Respondent Nos. 3 to 5 in the present Writ Petition No. 24529 of 2025 and as well as in I.As and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.V SATYANARAYANA NEKKANTI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR SOCIAL WELFARE

The Court made the following:

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY**W.P.No.24529 of 2025****O R D E R:**

The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the action of Respondents in not releasing financial assistance of Rs.13,28,342/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Two only), sanctioned to the Petitioner (Application I.D. No.2022004838) under 'Jagananna Videshi Vidya Deevana' Overseas Scholarship scheme, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. The Petitioner had applied for financial assistance under 'Jagananna Videshi Vidya Deevana' Overseas Scholarship scheme for the academic year 2022-2023 and the same was allotted with Application I.D. No. 2022004838. After due verification, Respondent-Authorities sanctioned 1st installment for an amount of Rs.18,43,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Forty Three Thousand only) in favour of the Petitioner for pursuing Master of Science in Metals and Energy Finance Course at Imperial College, London, United Kingdom.

3. Thereafter, on 22.12.2023, Respondent-Authorities

released an amount of Rs.10,23,444/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Four only) as 2nd Installment to the Petitioner. Though, Petitioner completed her Master of Science in Metals and Energy Finance Course, the remaining balance amount of financial assistance i.e., Rs.13,28,342/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Two only) as promised to the Petitioner was not disbursed to her. Hence, the present Writ Petition is filed.

3. Learned Standing Counsel for Respondent No.4/Corporation submits that the application of the Petitioner would be examined and appropriate decision would be conveyed to the Petitioner.

4. Considering the submissions, this Writ Petition is disposed of, with the following directions:-

- (i) The Respondents are directed to examine the claim of the Petitioner within a period of six (06) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

(ii) In the event, the claim of the Petitioner is held to be in order, the Respondents are directed to release the amounts to the Petitioner within a further period of eight (08) weeks.

(iii) There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, the miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in this Petition shall stand closed.

NYAPATHY VIJAY, J

Date: 10.02.2026
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