

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH:: AMARAVATI

MAIN CASE NO.: WP.No.33788 of 2025

PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl. No.	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
	05.12.2025	<u>VN, J</u> This writ petition is filed aggrieved by the action of the Respondents in not considering the candidature of the Petitioner for pursuing B.SC (Hons) Agriculture as an in-service employee i.e. Agricultural Extension Officer despite his name being shown at Sl.No.18 in the merit list as illegal and arbitrary. The Petitioner was appointed as Agricultural Extension Officer in the year 2013 and there is a provision for the employees of the University to pursue B.SC (Hons) Agriculture. The criteria for short listing the candidates eligible for admission was mentioned in the Government Memo dated 17.08.2018. The Petitioner belongs to BC-D community and had secured 99.96 marks for the year 2025-2026. In spite of the same, the name of the Petitioner was not short listed for pursuing B.SC (Hons) Agriculture. Learned counsel for the Petitioner further submits that out of 49 seats reserved for in-service employees of Agricultural University, still there are	

		vacancies as the persons who have been shortlisted did not opt to pursue B.SC (Hons) Agriculture. Hence, the case of the Petitioner may be considered in the vacancies available. Learned standing counsel on instructions submits that the Petitioner could not be short listed for selection as more meritorious persons have been selected than the Petitioner. Heard Sri Ugra Narasimha appearing for Sri Prashant, learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned standing counsel for the Respondent-University. 5% of seats in B.SC (Hons) Agriculture in Respondent-University are reserved for Agricultural Extension Officers and as per the memo dated 17.08.2018, issued by Special Chief Secretary to Government, a criteria was provided for determining the merit among Agricultural Extension Officers for being admitted in B.SC (Hons) Agriculture. As per the criteria fixed, the Petitioner secured 99.96 marks out of 100 and the Petitioner belonging to BC-D community, <i>prima facie</i>, this Court is of the opinion that the persons, who secured nearly maximum marks, could not be denied admission in B.SC (Hons) Agriculture on account of merit.	
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		Be that as it may, since it is contended that persons who have been short listed for pursuing B.SC (Hons) Agriculture have not opted the course, the Respondents are directed to consider the case of the Petitioner for pursuing B.SC (Hons) Agriculture taking into consideration the marks secured and the fact that the Petitioner belongs to BC-D community and pass an appropriate order within a period of two (2) weeks from today. List on 02.01.2026. _____ VN, J KLP	
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