

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)**

FRIDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF DECEMBER,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

**:PRESENT:
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY**

WRIT PETITION NO: 33788 OF 2025



Between:

Yerram Satish Kumar, S/o. Yerram Siviramulu, Aged about 32 years,
Occ. Agricultural Extension Officer, O/o. Mandal Agriculture Office,
Atmakur Division Karivena (V), Atmakur (M) Nandyal District, (Old
Kurnool District), A.P.

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Special Chief Secretary to Govt., Agriculture & Cooperation Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District, A.P.
2. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P. Agriculture and Cooperation Department, Guntur, Guntur District, A.P.
3. The District Agriculture Officer, Collectorate Compund, Nunepally, Nandyal District, Nandyal, A.P.
4. The Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), In the Compound of O/o. The M.R.O Atmakur Division, Nandyal District, A.P.
5. Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Rep. by The Registrar, A.N.G.R.A.U. Administrative Office, LAM Guntur - 522034, A.P.

Respondents

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is filed 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 action of the respondent authorities in not sending/considering my name/candidature for pursuing graduation course i.e., B.SC (Hons) Agriculture in the last batch for In-Service employees i.e., the Agricultural Extension Officers despite showing petitioner name in Sl. No.17 in the Merit List published for the purpose of said programme is contrary to the proceedings in Letter No. 000145/EXAMS/2025, Dated. 15.07.2025, G.O. MS. No. 40 of Agriculture and Cooperation Dept. Dated. 03.09.2025 and Memo No. A5(4)/2960792/2025, dated. 03.09.2025 is illegal, arbitrary, against to the principles of natural justice and in violation to the Article 14 and 16 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the Respondent Authorities to forward my candidature/name for B.SC (Hons) Agriculture for the Academic year 2025-2026 in the Respondent No.5 University;

IA NO: 2 OF 2025

Petition under Section 151 CPC., is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondent No.5 to permit the petitioner to admit in to the B.Sc (Hons) Agriculture without reference to any cut of date for the admission on receiving orders from the Respondent Department pending disposal of the Writ Petition;

IA NO: 1 OF 2025

Petition under Section 151 CPC., is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondent No.1 & 2 to forthwith, forward the name of the petitioner to the Respondent No. 5 University enabling him to

join B.SC (Hons) Agriculture course for the Academic Year 2025- 2026 pending disposal of the Writ Petition;

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri. RAYAPUDI PRASANTH KUMAR, Advocate for the Petitioner and of GP FOR SERVICES II, for the Respondent Nos. 1 to 4 and of Smt. S. PRANATHI, STANDING COUNSEL, for the Respondent No.5;

The Court made the following ORDER:

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, prima facie, 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.

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.

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SD/-SK MD RAFI
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Special Chief Secretary to Govt., Agriculture & Cooperation Department, The State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District, A.P. (by SPECIAL MESSENGER)

2. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P. Agriculture and Cooperation Department, Guntur, Guntur District, A.P.
3. The District Agriculture Officer, Collectorate Compound, Nunepally, Nandyal District, Nandyal, A.P.
4. The Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), In the Compound of O/o. The M.R.O Atmakur Division, Nandyal District, A.P.
5. The Registrar, Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, A.N.G.R.A.U. Administrative Office, LAM Guntur - 522034, A.P. (Addressee Nos. 2 to 5 BY RPAD)
6. One CC to Sri. RAYAPUDI PRASANTH KUMAR, Advocate [OPUC]
7. One CC to Smt. S. PRANATHI, STANDING COUNSEL [OPUC]
8. Two CCs to GP FOR SERVICES II, High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
9. One spare copy

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HIGH COURT

VN, J

DATED:05/12/2025

LIST ON 02.01.2026.

ORDER

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DIRECTION

