

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

WEDNESDAY, THE NINETEENTH DAY OF MARCH

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

:PRESENT:
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE B.VIJAYSEN REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO: 8342 OF 2025

Between:

Pinjari Rafi, S/o. Chand Pasha, Occ. Student, R/o. Room No. 86, Gowthami Wing, E-1 hostel, Tamaka, Hyderabad - 500007.

Petitioner

AND

1. Osmania University, Rep. by its Registrar, Administrative Building, OU campus, Tarnaka, Hyderabad - 500007
2. State of Telangana, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.

Respondents

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 an appropriate Writ, order or direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus and Declaration, and Declare the impugned circular bearing No. MR-155/132/2025/Adm.I-1 dated 13-03-2025 issued by Respondent No. 1, as unconstitutional, ultra vices to Articles 19(1) and 21 of the Constitution of India, vague, manifest arbitrary, capricious, and Consequently, set-aside the impugned circular bearing No. MR-155/132/2025/Adm.I-1 dated 13-03-2025 issued by Respondent No. 1.

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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 stay the operation of the impugned circular bearing No. MR- 155/132/2025/Adm.I-1 dated 13-03-2025 issued by Respondent No. 1, pending disposal of WP 8342 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri BAGLEKAR AKASH KUMAR, Advocate for the Petitioner and Sri MALIPEDDI SRINIVAS REDDY, (SC FOR OSMANIA UNI) Advocate for the Respondent No.2 and GP for Higher Education, for the Respondent No.2, the Court made the following.

ORDER:

Mr. Malipeddi Srinivas Reddy, Standing Counsel for respondent No.1 - Osmania University, submitted that the impugned Circular does not violate the fundamental rights, more particularly Article 19 (1) (a) of the Constitution of India, which guarantees freedom of speech and expression. It prohibits and imposes restrictions on the students from staging dharnas and agitations and raising slogans in the premises of academic and administrative buildings of the University. There is no blanket ban for staging protests peacefully in open areas.

In the light of the above submissions of learned Standing Counsel, this Court is not inclined to pass any orders as of now.

The respondents shall file counter by the next date of hearing.

List on 09.04.2025.

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ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Registrar, Osmania University, Administrative Building, OU campus, Tarnaka, Hyderabad - 500007
2. The Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, State of Telangana, Secretariat, Hyderabad. (1 & 2 by RPAD)
3. One CC to SRI BAGLEKAR AKASH KUMAR Advocate [OPUC]
4. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

BVR,J

DATED:19/03/2025

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ORDER

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DIRECTION

