

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD
WEDNESDAY, THE TENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE SUREPALLI NANDA
WRIT PETITION NO: 11960 OF 2023

Between:

Namala Srinivasa Rao, , S/o.Late Satyanarayana, Age 55 years, Working as Secretary Grade II, Agricultural Market Committee, Enkoor, Khammam District

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Represented by its Secretary, Agricultural and Cooperation Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Director of Agriculture Marketing, H.No.3-6-184, Street No.17, 2nd floor, T.S.Housing Corporation Limited, Urdu Hall Lane Himayatnagar, Hyderabad.
3. The Telangana State Council for Higher Education, Rep. by its Secretary, Opp . Mahaveer hospital, Masab Tank, 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 a Writ, Order or direction more in the nature of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondent in not considering the case of the petitioner for promotion to the post of Secretary Grade I in Agricultural Market Committee Service inspite of fulfilling the qualification criteria for the post of Secretary Grade I as provided under Rule 161 of Market Rules 1969 ie., obtaining degree from recognized University by UGC established under State Legislation and the clarification issued by the State Council for Higher Education in Letter No.TSCHE/Equiv/AMD/ANU and GITAM/Dist.Edn/Clarif/2023 dt.27/2/2023 for declaring the degree obtained by the petitioner after 2.6.2014 is not valid as illegal, arbitrary and violates Article 14, 16, 19 and 21 of Constitution of India and contrary to the provisions of Universities Act for granting Degrees and contrary to the Provisions of University Grants Commission Act and contrary to the Provisions of State Council for Higher Education Act 1988 and consequently declare that the degree obtained by the petitioner in BA, is valid for all purposes including promotion to the post of Secretary Grade I in the interests of justice;

IA NO: 1 OF 2023

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to

issue Interim Direction directing the respondents to forthwith consider the case of the petitioner for promotion to the post of Secretary Grade I in the existing vacancies based on the degree obtained from the Acharya Nagarjuna University without reference to the clarification issued by the State Council for Higher Education in letter No. TSCHE/Equiv/AMD/ANU and GITAM/D i st. Edn/Clarif/2023 dt.27/2/2023 as per his seniority, pending disposal of WP 11960 of 2023, 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 P V RAMANA Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR SERVICES-III for the Respondent Nos. 1 and 2 and SRI A.P. SURESH, Standing Counsel for respondent No.3, the Court made the following.

ORDER

Heard Sri P.V.Ramana, learned Senior Designated Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner.

No representation on behalf of the respondent No.3 when the case is called nor any counter affidavit has been filed as on date.

Though the matter pertains to the year 2023, respondents are directed to file their counter affidavit on or before 07.10.2025, failing which, the concerned respondent shall be present before this Court on 07.10.2025.

List on 07.10.2025.

Registry is directed to print the name of Sri A.P.Suresh, learned Standing Counsel for Telangana Council for Higher Education as counsel for respondent No.3.

SD/- T. SRINIVAS REDDY
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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To,

1. The Secretary, State of Telangana, Agricultural and Cooperation Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Director of Agriculture Marketing, H.No.3-6-184, Street No.17, 2nd floor, T.S.Housing Corporation Limited, Urdu Hall Lane Hirnayathnagar, Hyderabad.

3. The Secretary, Telangana State Council for Higher Education, Opp .
Mahaveer hospital Masab Tank, Hyderabad. (RR 1 to 3 by RPAD)
4. One CC to SRI. P V RAMANA Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CCs to GP FOR SERVICES III ,High Court at Hyderabad. [OUT]
6. One spare copy



HIGH COURT

SNJ

DATED:10/09/2025

LIST ON 07.10.2025

ORDER

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DIRECTION

