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**HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD**

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE JUVVADI SRIDEVI

WP NO: 12672 OF 2026

Between:

1. Aristotle Education Society, Represented by its President Having their office at. F-403, Metro Residency, Raj Bhavan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad Telangana State - 500082.
2. Aristotle PG College, Represented by its Chairman Having their office at. Chilkur Village, Moinabad Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad, Telangana State.

Petitioners

AND

1. State of Telangana, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500022.
2. State of Telangana, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500022.
3. State of Telangana, Rep by its Principal Secretary, Backward Classes Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500022.
4. State of Telangana, Rep. by its Special Secretary, Minority Welfare Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500022.
5. State of Telangana, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Finance Department Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500022.
6. Commissioner Director of Technical Education, 2nd Floor, Vidya Bhavan Opp. to Latha Talkies, Nampally, Hyderabad, Telangana 500001.
7. Telangana State Council for Higher Education, Rep. by its Chairman, Opp. Mahavir Hospital, Masab Tank, Hyderabad - 500028.
8. Director, BC Welfare, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500022.
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12. District Development Officer, MW Welfare Department, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad.

13. District ST Development Officer, ST Welfare Department, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad.

14. District BC Development Officer, BC Welfare Department, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad.

15. District SC Development Officer, SC Welfare Department, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad.

Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioners above named through their Advocate SRI K. MAHIT REDDY presented this 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 pass an order or direction or a writ, more specifically a writ in the nature of a Mandamus declaring G.O. Ms No 18 dated 27/06/2008, GOMs No. 50 dated 26/08/2008, GOMs No. 102 dated 29/07/2009, and G.O.Ms No. 66 dated 08/09/2010 to the extent of prohibiting the Petitioner No.2 College from collecting the fees for the academic year 2026-2027 directly from the SC/ST /EBC/BC/ MW students/ their parents as per the "Fee Reimbursement Scheme" / "Reimbursement of Tuition Fee (RTF)" as illegal arbitrary and unconstitutional, consequently set aside the same. Alternatively, Direct the Respondents to pay the full tuition fee to the Petitioner No.2 College immediately upon allotment, before the admission of the eligible SC/ST/EBC/ BC/ MW students to the Petitioner No.2 College for the academic year 2026-2027, as per the 'Fee Reimbursement Scheme / 'Reimbursement of Tuition Fee (RTF' scheme) administered by the Respondents

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and affidavit filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of SRI K. MAHIT REDDY Advocate for the Petitioners and SRI MALLU NETHAN REDDY AGP, REPRESENTING ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL appears for the Respondents directed issue of notice to the Respondents herein to show cause as to why this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

You viz:

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are directed to show cause on or before 30.04.2026 to which date the case stands posted as to why in the circumstances set out in the petition and the affidavit filed therewith (copy enclosed) this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

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Petition under Section 151 of C.P.C praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to Permit the Petitioner No.2 College to collect the Tuition Fee from eligible students falling under the category of SC/ST/EBC/BC/ MW students/ their parents enrolled or to be enrolled in the Petitioner No.2 College without reference to the scheme of Reimbursement of Tuition Fee including GOM'S No. 50 dated 26/08/2008, GOM's No. 102 dated 29/07/2009, GOM's 66 dated 08/09/2010, pending disposal of WP No 12672 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The Court made the following

ORDER:

Notice before admission.

Mr. Mallu Nethan Reddy, learned Assistant Government Pleader attached to the Office of the learned Additional Advocate General seeks time to file counter-affidavit.

List on 30.04.2026.

Heard K. Mahith Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. Mallu Nethan Reddy, learned Assistant Government Pleader attached to the Office of the learned Additional Advocate General. Perused the record.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners-institutions are prohibited from collecting tuition fees directly from parents of eligible students of SC/ST/EBC/BC/MW and other categories, as specified in G.O.Ms.No.50, dated

26.08.2008, G.O.Ms.No.102, dated 29.07.2009, G.O.Ms.No.66, dated 08.09.2010. It is contended that, thereafter, the Government has been consistently failing to reimburse the tuition fee and special fee payable to the petitioners under the Fee Reimbursement Scheme and has not released several crores of rupees admittedly due for the past several years. It is further submitted that even after generation of tokens for certain amounts, the said amounts have not been released by the respondents to the petitioners-institutions.

Learned counsel for the petitioners further submitted that, despite such non-payment, the Government continues to enforce the aforesaid Government Orders prohibiting the collection of fees from the students. On account of such inaction, the petitioners-institutions are stated to be financially crippled and unable to generate the requisite revenue for its day-to-day administration, including payment of salaries to teaching and non-teaching staff.

Learned counsel for the petitioners further submitted that this Court, by order, dated 02.04.2026 passed an interim order in W.P.No.4835 of 2026 and batch in similar matters. The petitioners-institutions in the present writ petition also stand on the same footing as that of the petitioners in the above batch of writ petitions. Accordingly, learned counsel for the petitioners sought for interim direction to permit the petitioners-institutions to collect tuition fees directly from eligible SC/ST/EBC/BC/MW and other categories of students covered under the aforesaid Government Orders, without reference to the said Government Orders, so as to avoid further accumulation of dues from the ensuing academic year 2026-2027 onwards.

On the other hand, the learned Assistant Government Pleader, appearing on behalf of the learned Additional Advocate General, while admitting that amounts are due to the petitioners-institutions, requested time to obtain necessary instructions regarding the timeline for payment and disbursement of such amounts to the petitioners-institutions and also sought time to file counter affidavit.

Having heard the learned counsel appearing on both sides, it is admitted that the amounts are due and payable by the Government to the petitioners-institutions. Nevertheless, there has been no clarity from the learned Assistant Government Pleader as to the timeline within which the payments would be made by the Government to the petitioners-institutions.

Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is of the prima facie view that substantial amounts, running into several crores of rupees, remain due and payable by the Government to the petitioners-institutions for the past several years, causing significant hardship in the administration and functioning of the petitioners-institutions.

Accordingly, as an interim measure, the petitioners-institutions are permitted to collect tuition fees directly from eligible students belonging to SC/ST/EBC/BC/MW and other categories covered under the aforesaid Government Orders, from the academic year 2026-2027 onwards, without reference to the said Government Orders, subject to the outcome of the present Writ Petition. However, it is made clear that, in the event the present Writ Petition is dismissed, the petitioners-institutions shall refund the tuition fees so collected, to the respective students.

Sd/- HUSSAIN ALI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

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- (Addressees 1 to 15 BY SPAD along with a copy of petition)**
16. One CC to SRI K. MAHIT REDDY Advocate [OPUC]
17. Two CCs to ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL, High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad. [OUT]
18. Two CCs to GP FOR FINANCE PLANNING, High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad. [OUT]
19. Two CCs to GP FOR SOCIAL WELFARE, High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad. [OUT]
20. Two CCs to GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad. [OUT]
21. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

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DATED: 22-04-2026

LIST ON 30.04.2026.

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DIRECTION

