

HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

TUESDAY, THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF JULY,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE B.VIJAYSEN REDDY

WP NO: 22041 OF 2026

Between

Adepu Vaishnavi, D/o. Adepu Buchaiah Age 19 years, Occ. Student R/o. Plot No 17 B Block, Janapriya Nivas, Nacharam, Nacharam Medchal, Telangana - 500076.

.....PETITIONER

AND

1. Union of India, Rep. by its Secretary, Ministry of Education, Government of India, 127/C, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi-110 001.
2. National Testing Agency (NTA), Rep. by its Director General, 1st Floor, NSIC-MDBP Building, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi-110020.
3. The Director (Exams), National Testing Agency, 1st Floor, NSIC-MDBP Building, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi-110020

.....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 or order or direction, preferably one in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus declaring the impugned NTA Score / Percentile of 59.9526005 for Paper 1 (B.E./B.Tech.) in Joint Entrance Examination (Main) 2026 Session 2 against Response sheet (answers against questions) and final answer key and so also impugned Total Average percentile of 17.2482911 for alleged scores of Mathematics 64.7479056, Aptitude Test 16.02766507, and Drawing test 24.13.78424, for B.Arch (Paper2A) and B. Planning (Paper2B) Session 2 against Response Sheet (answers against questions) and final answer key as illegal, arbitrary. against the principles of natural justice, and violative of Articles 14 and 21A of the Constitution of India,

consequently direct the respondents to re-verify the Petitioner's raw marks against the final answer key, recalculate and issue a corrected NTA Score/Percentile scorecard commensurate with the 98 raw marks of Paper 1 (B.E./B.Tech.) in Joint Entrance Examination (Main) 2026 Sessions 2 and corrected NTA Score/Percentile scorecard commensurate with the 110 raw marks of B.Arch (Paper 2A) for Sessions 2 of both papers of Application Number 260310389600 of petitioner in order to consider the Petitioner for admission into various NITs and technical institutions through JoSAA counselling based on the corrected scorecard.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the petition and the grounds filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of **SRI N.N.SOMENDRA REDDY**, Advocate for the Petitioner, **SRI N.BHUJANGA RAO**, DEPUTY SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA, for the Respondents, and the Court made the following.

ORDER:-

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. N. Bhujanga Rao, learned Deputy Solicitor General of India, for respondents No.1 to 3.

The petitioner is aggrieved by the impugned National Testing Agency (NTA) Score/Percentile of 59.9526005 for Paper I (B.E./B.Tech) in Joint Entrance Examination (Main) 2026 Session 2 against Response Sheet (answers against questions) and final answer key and also impugned Total Average percentile of 17.248291 for alleged scores of Mathematics 64.7479056, Aptitude Test 16.02766507 and Drawing Test 24.12.78424, for B.Arch (Paper 2A) and B. Planning (Paper 2B) Session 2 against Response Sheet (answers against questions) and final answer key, as being illegal, arbitrary, violative of Articles 14 and 21A of the Constitution of India.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the calculation of NTA score of the petitioner does not match with the response sheet as against final answer key in Paper I (B.Tech). The petitioner secured 98 raw marks in Paper I (B.E./B.Tech) and 110 raw marks in Paper 2A. However, NTA score of the petitioner, shown as 59.9526005, is incorrect. Due to negligence of the respondent authorities, the petitioner lost chance to attend for JEE (Advanced) 2026 and could not get seat in IIT. The petitioner contacted the NTA helpline and also forwarded e-mail on 08.05.2026 by explicitly detailing the calculated

score of 98 raw marks and pointing out irregularity in declaring the total NTA score as 59.9526005 for Paper I. According to the learned counsel for the petitioner, some discrepancy has arisen with respect to Paper 2A.

Learned counsel for the petitioner also pointed out that in the written instructions furnished by the learned Deputy Solicitor General of India, there is inconsistency in the percentile calculated for Paper I and Paper II. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submitted that in the initial instructions the marks of the petitioner were shown 60 raw marks for Paper 2A and today, the marks are shown as 83 raw marks for Paper 2A.

As it is contended by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the facility provided for correction of marks and percentile through NTA helpline was of no avail even after representation has been submitted through e-mail, the respondent No.3 is directed to communicate its decision to the petitioner within twenty four (24) hours from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. In case, the petitioner has any queries to the said decision, the petitioner is given liberty to submit objection. On receipt of such objection, the respondent No.3 shall consider the same and communicate its decision within twenty four (24) hours thereafter.

List on 28.07.2026.

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Education, Government of India, 127/C, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi, Union of India-110 001.
2. The Director General, National Testing Agency (NTA), 1st Floor, NSIC-MDBP Building, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi-110020.
3. The Director (Exams), National Testing Agency, 1st Floor, NSIC-MDBP Building, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi-110020
[Addresses 1 to 4, by SPAD]
4. One CC to Sri N.N.SOMENDRA REDDY, Advocate [OPUC]
5. One CC to Sri N.BHUJANGA RAO, DEPUTY SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA, High court for the state of Telangana [OUT]
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HIGH COURT

BVR, J

DATED: 14-07-2026

LIST ON 28.07.2026

ORDER

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