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HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD**

THURSDAY, THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

**THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE JUVVADI SRIDEVI
WP NO: 22812 OF 2026**

Between

Eslavath Venkatesh, S/o Eslavath Bhaskar.

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education (UE) Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. Osmania University, Rep. by its Registrar, Osmania University, Hyderabad - 500 007.
3. The Director, Directorate of Admissions, Osmania University, Hyderabad - 500 007.
4. The Dean, Faculty of Law, Osmania University, Hyderabad - 500 007.
5. The Head of the Department / Chairperson, Board of Studies, Department of Law, Osmania University, Hyderabad - 500 007.
6. The University Grants Commission, Rep. by its Secretary, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110 002.
7. Pesala Shivani, D/o Pesala Prasad Reddy, C/o the Dean, Faculty of Law, Osmania University, Hyderabad - 500 007.
8. Bareddy Divya Krishna, D/o Bareddy Nagi Reddy, C/o the Dean, Faculty of Law, Osmania University, Hyderabad - 500007.

Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioner above named through his Advocate SRI MAKKENA REVANTH BABU 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 issue a Writ, order or direction, more particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS

a) declaring the action of Respondent Nos. 2 to 5 in finalising the selections to the Ph.D. (Law) programme under Category-I for the academic year 2026-2027 vide Proceedings No. 734/F/Acad-III/2026 dated 08/07/2026 without

applying the Rule of Reservation of the State of Telangana on a published roster, and without any pre-disclosed, uniform criterion for determining inter-se merit amongst JRF awardees of different UGC-NET cycles, as illegal, arbitrary and violative of Articles 14, 15(4), 15(5) and 46 of the Constitution of India and of Rules 5.4, 7.1, 7.3 and 7.4 of the Osmania University Ph.D. Rules and Regulations 2026-2027,

b) consequently, to direct Respondent Nos. 2 to 5 to re-assess and re-notify the vacancies in the Department of Law under Category-I for 2026-2027 by reckoning the supervisory capacity of all research supervisors presently available in the Department, including Prof. B. Vijayalakshmi, Professor of Law, who has since rejoined the Department, in terms of Clause 4 of the General Instructions dated 15/05/2026 and Rules 8.1 and 8.7 of the said Rules, and to admit the Petitioner, a Scheduled Tribe JRF awardee, into the Ph.D. (Law) programme against the vacancy so arising or, in the alternative, against one additional/ supernumerary seat, without disturbing the admissions of Respondent Nos. 7 and 8,

c) in the alternative, and only if accommodation as per prayer (b) is not feasible, to quash Proceedings No. 734/F/Acad-III/2026 dated 08/07/2026 insofar as Ph.D. (Law) is concerned and direct a fresh selection in accordance with the Rule of Reservation.

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and affidavit filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri. MAKKENA REVANTH BABU Advocate for the Petitioner, Government Pleader for Higher Education for respondent No.1, Mr. Malipeddi Srinivas Reddy, Standing Counsel for Osmania University, for respondent Nos.2 to 5, and Mr. M.P.Kashyap, Standing Counsel for respondent No.6, directed issue of notice to the Respondent Nos.7 & 8 herein to show cause as to why this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

You viz:

1. Pesala Shivani, D/o Pesala Prasad Reddy, c/o the Dean, Faculty of Law, Osmania University, Hyderabad - 500 007.
2. Bareddy Divya Krishna, D/o Bareddy Nagi Reddy, C/o the Dean, Faculty of Law, Osmania University, Hyderabad - 500007.

are directed to show cause on or before 11.08.2026 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.

I.A. NO: 1 OF 2026

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 direct Respondent Nos. 2 to 5 to produce before this Hon'ble Court the entire record relating to the Ph.D. (Law) Category-I selections 2026-2027, including the applications received, the roster/ seat matrix applied, the criteria adopted for inter-se merit, the interview evaluation sheets and minutes of the Ph.D. Admission Committee/Departmental Research Committee, and the consolidated merit list, pending disposal of WP No 22812 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

I.A. NO: 2 OF 2026

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 direct Respondent Nos. 2 to 5 to consider and pass orders on the Petitioners representation dated 13/07/2026 within a time fixed by the Court, and pending such consideration, to keep one seat/supervisory slot in the Ph.D. (Law) programme under Category-I, 2026-2027 available for the Petitioner, subject to the result of the Writ Petition, pending disposal of WP No 22812 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The Court made the following:

ORDER

Mr. Ch. Jaya Krishna, learned counsel representing Mr. Makken Revanth Babu, learned counsel for the petitioner, submits that respondent No.2- University issued a cryptic press note dated 15.05.2026, inviting applications for Ph.D. admissions under Category-I without furnishing the requisite particulars and selected respondent Nos.7 and 8 for admission into the Ph.D. Programme in the Department of Law without following the reservation policy of the State Government and the prescribed roster points, which is the violation of the Ph.D. Rules and Regulations framed by Osmania University for the academic year 2026–2027, particularly Rules 5.4, 7.1, 7.2(g), 7.3, 7.4, and 7.5.

Mr. Mallipeddi Srinivas Reddy, learned Standing Counsel appearing for respondent Nos. 2 to 5, submits that respondent Nos. 7 and 8 have already joined the Ph.D. Programme. He seeks time to obtain instructions and file the appropriate response. Taking into consideration the above said submissions, issue notice before admission.

Learned Government Pleader for Higher Education takes notice on behalf of the respondent No.1, Mr. Malipeddi Srinivas Reddy, learned Standing Counsel for Osmania University, takes notice on behalf of respondent Nos.2 to 5, and Mr. M.P.Kashyap, learned Standing Counsel takes notice on behalf of respondent No.6 and waives further notice and seeks time to file their respective counters.

Registry is directed not to take out notice to respondent Nos.1 to 6, in view of the above waiver.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is permitted to take out personal notice to respondent Nos.7 and 8 through Speed Post with Acknowledgment Due and file proof of service in the Registry by the next date of hearing.

Post on 11.08.2026.

In the meanwhile, respondent Nos.2 and 3 are directed to consider the representation submitted by the petitioner, dated 13.07.2026 and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law and communicate the same to the petitioner by the next date of hearing.

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Sd/- A.JAYASREE
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR


SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Higher Education (UE) Department, State of Telangana, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Registrar, Osmania University, Hyderabad - 500 007.
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5. The Head of the Department / Chairperson, Board of Studies, Department of Law, Osmania University, Hyderabad - 500 007.
6. The Secretary, University Grants Commission, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110 002.[Addressees 1 to 6 by SPAD]
7. Pesala Shivani, D/o Pesala Prasad Reddy, C/o the Dean, Faculty of Law, Osmania University, Hyderabad - 500 007.[by SPAD-along with a copy of petition and affidavit]
8. Bareddy Divya Krishna, D/o Bareddy Nagi Reddy, C/o the Dean, Faculty of Law, Osmania University, Hyderabad - 500007.[by SPAD-along with a copy of petition and affidavit]
9. One CC to Sri. MAKKENA REVANTH BABU Advocate [OPUC] ✓
10. Two CCs to GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad [OUT]
11. One spare copy



HIGH COURT

JS, J

DATED: 16-07-2026

Post on 11.08.2026

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DIRECTION

