

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

THURSDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

: PRESENT:

**THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE APARESH KUMAR SINGH
AND**

**THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY
WP NO: 32996 OF 2026**

Between

Vadithe Chandra Harshini, D/o Vadithe Lakshma Naik, Occupation. Student, R/o. 15-220 North, Road No-10, 9th Ward, B N Reddy Nagar, Ranga Reddy, 500 058.
(Petitioner being Minor, is represented by his Natural Mother B.Laxmi D/o Vadithe Lakshma Naik.)

.....Petitioner

AND

1. State of Telangana, Rep by its Principal Secretary to Government, Department of Health, Medical and Family Welfare Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. KNR University of Health Sciences (KNRUHS), represented by its registrar, Warangal, Telangana State.
3. Osmania Medical College, Represented by its Principal Kothi, Hyderabad.
4. The Director, Tribal Welfare Department, Masab Tank, Hyderabad, Telangana.
5. Tahsildar, Balapur, Mandal, Ranga Reddy District.

.....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 of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ or Writs, Order or Direction, declaring that, (a) declare the action of the 2nd Respondent in issuing the impugned proceedings, dated. 26-09-2026 by cancelling the admission of the petitioner in MBBS course in 3rd Respondent College by deleting the Petitioner from the Scheduled Tribe (ST) Reservation Quota in the NEET (UG) admission counselling for the year 2026, basing on the report of the Director, Tribal Welfare, Telangana, Hyderabad, vide Proceedings RC. No. 1298/TRI/TSV/2026, dated 22-09-2026, whereby the Petitioner has been placed at Serial No. 11 on the ground that furnished a list of candidates who have migrated from the Andhra Pradesh and held that such candidates are not entitled to the benefit of the Scheduled Tribe reservation category of the State of Telangana in terms of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated. 02-05-1990 in W.P. (Civil) No. 989 of 1989, and thereby informed the Petitioner that the Petitioner shall not be entitled to continue the admission in 3rd respondent college under the S.T. quota of Telangana State for MBBS course under the Competent Authority Quota for the academic year 2026-2027 is an ex-facie illegal, arbitrary, discriminatory, unjust, unfair, unreasonable, irrational, unilateral, unlawful and unconstitutional, and in violation of the principles of natural justice, in violation of the provisions of the Telangana (Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act, 1993, and

in violation of Articles 14, 21 and 21A of the Constitution of India, and contrary to the catena of judgments of the Hon'ble Apex Court and of this Honble Court,

(b) Consequently, set aside the aforesaid impugned proceedings dated. 26-09-2026

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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 petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondents to permit the Petitioner to continue in 3rd respondent college in MBBS course for the academic year 2026-2027 in the State of Telangana in pursuance of the allotment letter dated 15-09-2026 issued by 2nd Respondent, pending disposal of WP No 32996 of 2026, 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 Srinivasa Rao Pachwa Advocate for the Petitioner and Assistant GP for Medical Health and Family Welfare for the respondent No. 1, Sri T. Sharath, Advocate for the respondent No. 2, the Court made the following

ORDER:

Mr. Srinivasa Rao Pachwa, learned counsel appears for the petitioner.

Mr. R. Nagarjuna Reddy, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Health, Medical and Family Welfare Department, appears for respondent No.1.

Mr. T. Sharath, learned Standing Counsel for Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences, appears for respondent No.2.

The petitioner has placed on record the Community Certificate dated 03.08.2026, issued by the Tahsildar, Balapur Mandal, showing that she belongs to Sugalis-28(ST) Community, which is recognized as Scheduled Tribe under the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950 and Government Order referred to therein. She has also studied for the last four years before the qualifying exam in the Institutions within the State of Telangana. She has been admitted into MBBS course for the academic year 2026-27 as a local Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidate in respondent No.3-College after completing the formalities. However, the impugned proceedings dated 26.09.2026 issued by the respondent-University, based upon the letter dated 22.09.2026 of the Director, Tribal Welfare, Hyderabad, Telangana, treats the petitioner as not eligible for admission into MBBS/BDS course under ST category. Therefore, the MBBS seat allotted conditionally to the petitioner has been cancelled and she is treated as Open Category candidate for subsequent phases of counselling.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in similar circumstances, this Court *vide* interim order dated 13.09.2026 in W.P.No.30599 of 2026, based on the Community Certificates issued by the Tahsildar in favour of the parents of the petitioner therein, as an interim measure, directed the respondent-University to allow the petitioner therein to participate in the counselling process underway as a 'local candidate', subject to outcome of the Writ Petition. He further submits that the petitioner herein is also similarly placed.

In the case of the petitioner in W.P.No.30599 of 2026, the respondent-University, based on the similar communication dated 03.09.2026 from the Director, Tribal Welfare, Telangana, prohibited the petitioner therein from participating in the counselling as a ST community candidate.

In the case of the present petitioner also, the Community Certificate dated 03.08.2026, issued by the Tahsildar, Balapur Mandal, in her favour has not been annulled.

Therefore, as an interim measure, the impugned proceedings dated 26.09.2026 issued by the respondent-University, by which the MBBS seat allotted to the petitioner has been cancelled and she has been treated as Open Category candidate for subsequent phases of counselling, shall remain stayed.

Let the instant matter be tagged and listed along with W.P.No.30599 of 2026.

Meanwhile, the respondents shall file counter affidavits.

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Sd/- P.PONNA KRISHNA
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary to Government, Department of Health, Medical and Family Welfare, State of Telangana, Secretariat, Hyderabad
2. The Registrar, KNR University of Health Sciences (KNRUHS), Warangal, Telangana State
3. The Principal Osmania Medical College, Kothi, Hyderabad
4. The Director, Tribal Welfare Department, Masab Tank, Hyderabad, Telangana
5. Tahsildar, Balapur, Mandal, Ranga Reddy District
(Addressees 1 to 5 by SPAD)
6. One CC to Sri. Srinivasa Rao Pachwa Advocate [OPUC]

7. Two CC to GP for Medical Health & FW, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad [OUT]
8. Two spare copies

HIGH COURT

**AKRS, J
&
VRKR, J**

DATED: 01-10-2026

NOTE: POST ALONG WITH WP. NO. 30599 OF 2026

ORDER

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