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WP No. 21397 of 2017 €



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 16-03-2026**

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**THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI**

**W.P.Nos.21397, 21615 and 23409 of 2017  
and W.M.P.Nos. 22377, 22617 and 24537 of 2017**

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Ariyru, Puducherry-605 102

..Petitioner(s)

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Office of the Chief Secretariat,  
Puducherry-605 001.

2. The Director,  
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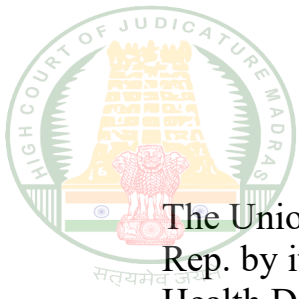
..Respondent(s)

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B.Ramachandhiran,  
No.13-A, Pondy Villupuram Main Road, Ariyur,  
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**W.P.No. 21615 of 2017**

Sri Venkateswara Dental College,  
Rep. by its Chairman,  
B.Ramachandhiran,  
No.13-A, Pondy Villupuram Main Road, Ariyru,  
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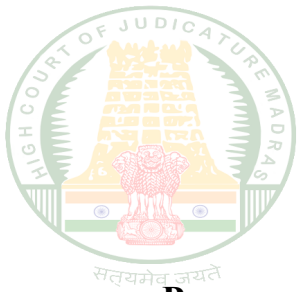
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**W.P.No. 21397 of 2017**

**Prayer:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for the issuance of a writ of Certiorari, calling for the records on the files of the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent in its impugned proceeding in No.C-27209/H5/Health/2016-17 dated 21.07.2017 and quash the same as invalid, illegal and unconstitutional in so far as it stipulates that “Sri Venkateshwara Medical College Hospital & Research Centre is a Linguistic Minority Medical College, it is mandatory as per Article 30(1) and Article 19(1)(g) of Constitution of India, to admit 50% of total intake to Linguistic Minority (Telugu) of the State”.

**WP No. 23409 of 2017**

**Prayer:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for the issuance of a writ of Certiorari, calling for the records on the files of the 1st respondent in its impugned proceeding in G.O.Ms.No.36 dated 25.08.2017 and quash the same as invalid, illegal and unconstitutional in so far as it stipulates that seats remaining vacant shall be filled up as open merit management quota seats during mop-up counselling based on NEET-2017 rank from among the Puducherry domicile candidates.

**WP No. 21615 of 2017**

**Prayer:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for the issuance of a writ of Certiorari, calling for the records on the files of the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent in its impugned proceeding No. 27209/ Health/ H5/ BDS/ 2017-18/258 dated 01.08.2017 and quash the same as invalid, illegal and unconstitutional in so far as it stipulates that “Sri Venkateshwaraa Dental College is a Linguistic Minority Dental College, it is Mandatory as per Article 30(1) and Article 19 (1) (g) of Constitution of India, to admit 50% of total intake to Linguistic Minority (Telugu) of the State and NRI quota should not exceed 15% of the total intake”.

**In all petitions**

For Petitioner(s): M/s.T.V.Lakshmanan

For Respondent(s): Mr.J.Kumaran  
Additional Government Pleader



## **COMMON ORDER**

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W.P.Nos.21397 and 21615 of 2017 are filed challenging the impugned proceedings of the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent dated 21.07.2017 and 01.08.2017, in and by which, the petitioner College was directed to admit 50% of the total intake to the linguistic minority (Telugu) of the State for the academic year 2017-18. W.P.No.23409 of 2017 has been filed challenging the impugned G.O.Ms.No.36 dated 25.08.2017 insofar as it stipulates that seats remaining vacant shall be filled up as open merit management quota seats during mop-up counselling based on NEET-2017 rank from among the Puducherry domicile candidates.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the materials.

3. Similar issue came up for consideration before this Court in W.P.No.8555 of 2019, which came to be dismissed on 11.04.2019, against which the medical institution filed an appeal in W.A.No.1568 of 2019 etc., batch, which came to be allowed by the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court vide judgment dated 03.06.2025. Aggrieved over the same, the State has preferred an appeal before the Hon'ble Apex Court in SLP No. 36277 of 2025 and the same is pending.



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4. In such circumstances, these Writ Petitions stand closed subject to the result of the aforesaid SLP before the Hon'ble Apex Court. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed

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Index: Yes/No  
Speaking/Non-speaking order  
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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