

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA  
AT HYDERABAD  
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

**MONDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF JULY  
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

**PRESENT**

**THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE JUVVADI SRIDEVI**

**WRIT PETITION NO: 21166 OF 2026**

**Between:**

E. Charan Teja, S/o. E.Bikshapathi Aged about 22 years, Occ. Student, R/o.  
H.No.1-213/2, Punnet Village, Inavole Mandal, Hanamakonda District - 506310

**...PETITIONER**

**AND**

1. The Government of Telangana, rep. by its Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Telangana State Council of Higher Education, Rep. by its Secretary, Hyderabad
3. Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Rep by its Registrar, Kukatpally, Hyderabad - 500 085
4. Malla Reddy Engineering College, rep. by its Principal, Maisammaguda, Dhulapally Post, Kompally, Secunderabad - 500 100

**...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 any writ, order or direction particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, directing the Respondent No. 4 to forthwith return all original academic certificates and documents of the Petitioner, including the SSC Memo, SSC Bonafide, Diploma Marks Memos, Transfer Certificates and all other documents submitted at the time of admission and also B.Tech Certificates along with Transfer Certificate and bonafide, without any precondition and Declare that the action of Respondent No. 4 in withholding the original certificates and documents of the Petitioner is illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional and violative of the Petitioners fundamental rights

under Articles 14, 19(1)(g) and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct Respondents to immediately return all original academic certificates of the Petitioner.

**I.A. NO: 1 OF 2026**

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondent No.4 to immediately hand over original certificates of the petitioner, as the petitioner is going to attend M.Tech admission on such terms and conditions as deem fit and proper.

**Counsel for the Petitioner: Ms. T. MANJULA**

**Counsel for the Respondent No.1: SRI M. VAMSHI KIRAN, ASST. GP FOR  
HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Counsel for the Respondent No.3: SRI PRABHAKAR PERI, SC FOR JNTU**

**Counsel for the Respondent No.2 & 4: - - - -**

**The Court made the following: ORDER**

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THE HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE JUVVADI SRIDEVI

WRIT PETITION No.21166 of 2026

20 JULY, 2026

**Between:**

E.Charan Teja

... Petitioner

AND

The Government of Telangana, rep. by its Secretary,  
Department of Higher Education,  
Secretariat, Hyderabad and 3 others

... Respondents

**: ORDER :**

This Writ Petition is filed seeking the following relief:

*"to issue any writ, order or direction particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, directing the Respondent No.4 to forthwith return all original academic certificates and documents of the Petitioner, including the SSC Memo, SSC Bonafide, Diploma Marks Memos, Transfer Certificates and all other documents submitted at the time of admission and also B.Tech Certificates along with Transfer Certificate and bonafide, without any precondition and Declare that the action of Respondent No.4 in withholding the original certificates and documents of the Petitioner is illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional and violative of the Petitioner's fundamental rights under Articles 14, 19(1)(g) and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct Respondents to immediately return all original academic certificates of the Petitioner and pass..."*

2. Heard Ms. T.Manjula, learned counsel for the petitioner,  
Mr. M.Vamshi Kiran, learned Assistant Government Pleader for

Higher Education, appearing for respondent No.1 and Mr. Prabhakar Peri, learned Standing Counsel for JNTU, appearing for respondent No.3. In spite of service of notice, none entered appearance on behalf of respondent No.4.

3. Case of the petitioner is that, at the time of admission into the B.Tech. CSE (Data Science) course in respondent No.4-college, he submitted all his original certificates, including the 10<sup>th</sup> class/SSC Memo, Bonafide, Bonafides of 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> classes, Inter/Diploma Memo, Bonafide, Provisional and Transfer Certificates. After completion of the course, he submitted a representation, dated 15.06.2026, to respondent No.4-college seeking return of his original certificates. Despite such request, respondent No.4 has refused to return the original certificates referred to above to the petitioner and is illegally withholding them on the ground that the tuition fee for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> years of the petitioner's B.Tech course remains unpaid, because the fee reimbursement amount has not been sanctioned by the Government and further demanded him to pay Rs.3,09,000/-, as a condition for release of his original certificates. Hence, the present writ petition.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner requires his original certificates referred to above, along with B.Tech Marks Memo, Transfer and Provisional Certificates, to pursue his M.Tech course. He further submits that the action of respondent No.4 in withholding the original certificates submitted by the petitioner at the time of admission is illegal and arbitrary. Therefore, he seeks a direction to respondent No.4 to forthwith return the petitioner's original certificates.

5. Perused the record.

6. It is not in dispute that the petitioner had submitted his original certificates referred to above to respondent No.4 at the time of admission into B.Tech. course and he subsequently completed the course. It is also not in dispute that the original certificates referred to above were presently in the custody of respondent No.4. The said certificates, being personal and academic credentials, are undoubtedly the exclusive property of the petitioner. In the absence of any statutory or legal authority, respondent No.4 has no authority whatsoever to retain the petitioner's original certificates. Even assuming that the college has any monetary claim against the petitioner, the proper remedy, if any, available is to pursue appropriate proceedings in accordance with law for recovery of its

dues. However, the college cannot retain the petitioner's original certificates as security for recovery of any amount claimed by it and such retention is wholly unlawful and cannot be justified on the ground of any outstanding liability. Therefore, this Court is of the considered opinion that the petitioner is entitled to the immediate return of his original certificates.

7. For the foregoing discussion, this Writ Petition is allowed, directing respondent No.4 to forthwith return the original certificates i.e., 10<sup>th</sup> class/SSC Memo, Bonafide, Bonafides of 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> classes, Inter/Diploma Memo, Bonafide and Provisional Certificates and B.Tech Marks Memo, Transfer and Provisional Certificates, to the petitioner, within a period of one (1) week, from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

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**SD/- K.V.O. NARSI BABU  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

**SECTION OFFICER**

**To,**

1. The Secretary, Department of Higher Education, The Government of Telangana, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
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3. The Registrar, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Kukatpally, Hyderabad - 500 085
4. The Principal, Malla Reddy Engineering College, Maisammaguda, Dhulapally Post, Kompally, Secunderabad - 500 100
5. One CC to Ms. T. MANJULA, Advocate [OPUC]
6. One CC to SRI PRABHAKAR PERI, SC FOR JNTU [OPUC]
7. Two CCs to GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad [OUT]
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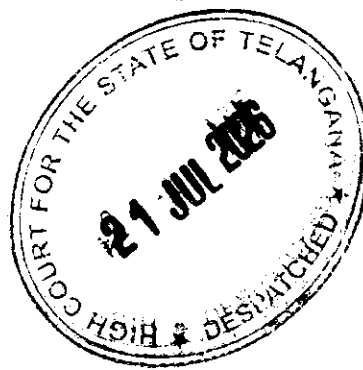
CC TODAY

HIGH COURT

DATED: 20/07/2026

ORDER

WP.No.21166 of 2026



ALLOWING THE WRIT PETITION  
WITHOUT COSTS

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21/7/26