

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

**THURSDAY, THE TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE E.V.VENUGOPAL

WRIT PETITION NO: 32213 OF 2026

Between:

Chilumarthi Ritvik Abhinay, S/o Chilumarthi Venkateshwarlu, Hindu, aged about 18 years, Occ. Student, R/o Plot No. 98, Road No. 32, Vinayakanagar, Hayathnagar, Hyderabad, Telangana - 501 505, Cell. plus 91 7893201022. (TG LAW CET-2026 Hall Ticket No. 22632310903, State Rank 772)

.....PETITIONER

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, BRKR Bhavan, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The State of Telangana, Represented by its Principal Secretary, School and Intermediate Education Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
3. The Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TGCHE), Represented by its Secretary, Opp. Mahavir Hospital, Mahavir Marg, Masab Tank, Hyderabad - 500 028.
4. The Telangana State Board of Intermediate Education (TGBIE), Represented by its Secretary, Vidya Bhavan, Nampally, Hyderabad - 500 001.
5. The District Intermediate Education Officer, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad, Telangana.
6. The Convener, TG LAW CET-2026 Admissions, Telangana State Council of Higher Education, Hyderabad, Telangana.
7. Mahatma Gandhi Law College, Represented by its Principal / Correspondent, Chitra Layout, NTR Nagar, L.B. Nagar, Hyderabad - 500 074.
8. Avinash College of Commerce, Represented by its Principal / Correspondent / Management, L.B. Nagar Branch, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad.

.....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, order, or direction, more particularly one in the nature of a WRIT OF MANDAMUS, declaring the action of the Respondent No. 8 in unlawfully withholding the Transfer Certificate (TC), Study Certificate and original educational records of the Petitioner, and demanding an unauthorised sum of Rs. 50,000/-, as arbitrary, illegal, unconstitutional and violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India, (b) consequently, directing the Respondents Nos. 4 and 5 to ensure and enforce that the Respondent No. 8 forthwith issues and hands over the Transfer Certificate and all original educational certificates of the Petitioner, (c) directing the Respondents Nos. 6 and 7 to keep the 5-Year LL.B seat allotted to the Petitioner No. 2 (Hall Ticket No. 22632310903, Rank 772, Phase-I allotment, Payment Acknowledgement No. 16726) fully secured, to finalise his admission, and to permit him to report and attend regular classes without insisting on immediate production of the Transfer Certificate, granting reasonable time to submit the same after securing it from the Respondent No. 8, (e) directing the Respondents Nos. 4 and 5 to initiate appropriate statutory and disciplinary action against the Respondent No. 8 for functioning without valid affiliation/recognition and for collecting fees over and above the prescribed statutory ceiling.

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 Respondents Nos. 6 and 7 not to cancel, re-allot or forfeit the LLB Seat allotted to the Petitioner in Respondent No. 7 College pending retrieval and submission of the Transfer Certificate, other original certificates, by allowing the Petitioner to report and attend regular classes.

Counsel for the Petitioner : SRI KONDAPARTHY KIRAN KUMAR

Counsel for the Respondent Nos.1, 3 & 5 : AGP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Counsel for the Respondent No.2 : AGP FOR SCHOOL EDUCATION

Counsel for the Respondent No.4 : SRI RAJ KUMAR RUDHARA

Counsel for the Respondent Nos.6 to 8 : --

The Court made the following ORDER

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

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE E.V.VENUGOPAL

WRIT PETITION No.32213 of 2026

(CNR.No.HBHC010660002026)

Dated: 24.09.2026

Between:

Chilumarthi Ritvik Abhinay

... Petitioner

And

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Principal Secretary,
Higher Education Department,
BRKR Bhavan, Secretariat,
Hyderabad and 7 others

... Respondents

ORDER

This Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of
Constitution of India seeking the following relief:-

“... to issue an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of a WRIT OF MANDAMUS:

- (a) declaring the action of the Respondent No.8 in unlawfully withholding the Transfer Certificate (TC), Study Certificate and original educational records of the Petitioner, and demanding an unauthorised sum of Rs.50,000/-, as arbitrary, illegal, unconstitutional and violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India;
- (b) consequently, directing the Respondent Nos.4 and 5 to ensure and enforce that the Respondent No.8 forthwith issues and hands over the Transfer Certificate and all original educational certificates of the Petitioner;
- (c) directing the Respondent Nos.6 and 7 to keep the 5-Year I.L.B seat allotted to the Petitioner No.2 (Hall Ticket No.22632310903, Rank 772, Phase-I allotment, Payment Acknowledgement No.16726) fully secured, to finalise his admission, and to permit him to report and attend regular classes without insisting on immediate production of the

Transfer Certificate, granting reasonable time to submit the same after securing it from the Respondent No.8

- (d) directing the Respondent Nos.4 and 5 to initiate appropriate statutory and disciplinary action against the Respondent No.8 for functioning without valid affiliation/recognition and for collecting fees over and above the prescribed statutory ceiling and to pass such other order or orders"

2. Heard Mr.Kondaparthi Kiran Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Higher Education appearing for respondent Nos.1, 3 and 5. Perused the record.

3. The brief facts of the case are that the petitioner is a meritorious student and completed his Intermediate Education, at respondent No.8-College, during the academic years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. The petitioner appeared for TG LAW CET-2026 examination with Hall ticket No.22632310903 and secured State Rank 772 under the SC Category. Pursuant thereto, the Phase-I web counseling conducted by respondent No.6 and the petitioner was provisionally allotted a seat in 5 year LL.B. course at Mahatma Gandhi Law College, L.B. Nagar under the SC quota. It is stated that during August, 2026 the petitioner approached respondent No.8 for issuance of his Transfer Certificate, Study Certificate and other allied records for completing his LL.B. admission. But the Management of respondent No.8 refused

and demanded a sum of Rs.50,000/- as condition precedent for releasing the said certificates. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner filed the present Writ Petition.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the Hon'ble Supreme Court, in catena of judgments, held that the Educational records, Transfer Certificates and Marks memos are the personal property of the student and cannot be retained as a pledge, security or lien for alleged unpaid fee dues. If at all the institution has any legitimate financial claim, its remedy lies before the competent civil Court and not by withholding the certificates.

5. He further submits that, as per the admission schedule notified by respondent No.6, the candidates must physically report at the allotted colleges between 31.08.2026 and 05.09.2026 and for the phase-III counseling, the last date for giving the provisional list of candidates is on 25.09.2026 before which the original certificates of the petitioner are to be verified.

6. He further states that respondent No.7 is strictly insisting on the production of the original transfer certificate issued by respondent No.8 and cautioned that the provisional admission of the petitioner stands cancelled if the transfer

certificate is not produced at the time of reporting. Therefore, he seeks the indulgence of this Court to pass appropriate orders.

7. In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, on perusal of the record, this court is of the opinion that the Educational certificates of the student are his/her property and a College cannot retain the said certificates, even if it has a monetary claim. Since, the last date for giving the provisional list of candidates for phase-III counseling expires by tomorrow i.e., 25.09.2026, this Court deems it appropriate to direct respondent No.8 to release the Transfer Certificate, Study Certificate and other allied records pertaining to the petitioner forthwith, without any delay.

8. With the above direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

Miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, shall stand closed.

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**Sd/-K.BHAVANI SWAMY
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

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SECTION OFFICER

To

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11. One CC to SRI. KONDAPARTHY KIRAN KUMAR, Advocate [OPUC]
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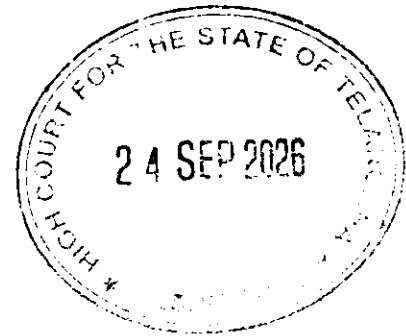
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HIGH COURT

DATED: 24/09/2026

ORDER

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**DISPOSING OF THE W.P
WITHOUT COSTS.**

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