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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**AT AMARAVATI** **[3457]**
**(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

THURSDAY, THE 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

**PRESENT**

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE HARINATH.N**

**WRIT PETITION NO: 23942/2026**

**Between:**

1. SUMOURYA COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, REPRESENTED BY ITS CORRESPONDENT SRI. SABBU SURESH BABU, S/O SUBBAIAH HOLAGUNDA VILLAGE, ALUR (TQ), KURNOOL, KURNOOL DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH

**...PETITIONER**

**AND**

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.522238
2. THE COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH VENKATADRI TOWERS, OPP. DGP OFFICE BESIDES HAPPY RESORTS ATMAKUR, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR, ANDHRA PRADESH522503
3. THE DIRECTOR, STATE COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING (SCERT), GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH, ATMAKUR, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.522503
4. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION, SOUTHERN REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTED BY ITS REGIONAL DIRECTOR, G-7, SECTOR-10, DWARKA, NEW DELHI - 110075

**...RESPONDENT(S):**

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 toissue an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of Respondent Nos.1 to 3, particularly the 2nd Respondent, in treating the Petitioner institution, namely Sumourya College of Education, Plot No.3, Cinema Road, Holagunda Village and Post, Alur Taluka, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh - 518346, as having been derecognised pursuant to the NCTE proceedings F.No.NCTE-Reg1018/119/2021-Regulation Section-SRC/AP/120711 dated 05-10-2021, and consequentially refusing/failing to renew the Petitioner's affiliation for the D.El.Ed. Course including by issuance of Memo No.ESE02-22/7/2025-TRNG-CSE dated 29-05-2025, notwithstanding the subsisting NCTE recognition granted to the Petitioner vide F.No.SRO/NCTE/SRCAPP14751/D.El.Ed/AP/2016-17/84930 dated 12-04-2016, as illegal, arbitrary, without jurisdiction, based upon a patent error of fact and mistaken identity, contrary to Sections 14, 16 and 17 of the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993 and the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Education Act, 1982 and the Rules framed thereunder and violative of Articles 14 and 19(1)(g) of the Constitution of India, and consequently set aside Memo No.ESE02-22/7/2025-TRNG-CSE dated 29-05-2025 insofar as the Petitioner is concerned and direct Respondent Nos.1 to 3 to process and grant renewal/continuation of affiliation to the Petitioner institution for the D.El.Ed. Course for the Academic Year 2026-27, without reference to the NCTE withdrawal proceedings dated 05-10-2021 as against the Petitioner and subject only to compliance with other lawful statutory requirements, and further permit the Petitioner institution to participate in the counselling/admission process and admit students against its recognised intake for the Academic Year 2026-27, and pass such other order or orders as this Honourable Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case.

**IA 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 suspend the operation and effect of Memo No.ESE02- 22/7/2025-TRNG-CSE dated 29-05-2025 insofar as it operates against the Petitioner institution, pending disposal of the Writ Petition

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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 direct the Respondent's, particularly Respondent Nos.2 and 3, to forthwith receive, process and consider the Petitioner's application for renewal/continuation of affiliation for the D.EI.Ed. Course for the Academic Year 2026-27 by treating the NCTE recognition granted vide F.No.SRO/NCTE/SRCAPP14751 /D.EI.Ed/AP/2016-17/84930 dated 12-04-2016 as subsisting and without treating the Petitioner as having been derecognised under the NCTE proceedings dated 05-10-2021, and, subject to satisfaction of all other lawful statutory requirements, permit the Petitioner institution to participate in the counselling/admission process and admit students against its recognised intake for the Academic Year 2026- 27, pending disposal of the Writ Petition

**Counsel for the Petitioner:**

1. SRI VIJAY MATHUKUMILLI

**Counsel for the Respondent(S):**

1. GP FOR SCHOOL EDUCATION
2. VENNA HEMANTH KUMAR(CENTRAL GOVERNMENT COUNSEL)

**The Court made the following order:**

The present writ petition is filed aggrieved by the action of the Joint Director of School Education, on behalf of respondent No.2, in passing the impugned order dated 29.05.2025, rejecting the application of the petitioner seeking renewal of affiliation.

2. It is submitted that the orders of the NCTE referred to in the impugned proceedings pertain to a college namely Sumourya college of Education, situated at B. Tandrapadu Village and post, Kurnool Taluk and District, which has a name identical to that of the petitioner college. Respondent No.4, vide proceedings dated 05.10.2021, withdrew the recognition granted to Sumourya College of Education, situated at situated at B. Tandrapadu Village and post, Kurnool Taluk and District.

3. It is the specific contention of the petitioner that the petitioner college has no relationship with the college whose recognition was withdrawn by respondent No.4. However, as the names of both colleges are identical, the Joint Director issued the impugned proceedings by referring to the withdrawal of recognition of the other college by respondent No.4 and consequently rejected the application of the petitioner.

4. It is further submitted that, after filing of the present writ petition, the Joint Director issued instructions stating that the representation of the petitioner is under examination and appropriate orders shall be passed by the competent authority.

5. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Government Pleader, the present writ petition is disposed of directing the respondents to expedite the disposal of the representations of the petitioner dated 21.08.2024 and 03.04.2026, in accordance with law, within a period of four (04) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

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