IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

WRIT PETITION NO: 30939 of 2026

Varahankuri Kollu ...Petitioner

Vs.

The State of Andhra Pradesh and others ...Respondent(s)

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CORAM : THE CHIEF JUSTICE LISA GILL
SRI JUSTICE CHALLA GUNARANJAN

DATE : 10th November 2026

Present:

Advocate for Petitioner: MR. RAMA MURTY P V S A

Advocate(s) for Respondent(s): GP FOR MEDICAL HEALTH FW, GP FOR YOUTH SERVICES, MR.G SAI NARAYANA RAO, SC For SAAP; AND MRS.T.V. SRIDEVI, STANDING COUNSEL FOR DR.NTR UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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ORDER: (per Hon'ble Sri Justice Challa Gunaranjan)

By present writ petition, petitioner assails revised final merit list, dated 16.10.2026, issued by 11th respondent – SAAP for the purpose of admissions to MBBS course under competent authority quota (sports and games) category.

2. Petitioner claims to be basketball player and participated in 22nd Inter-Collegiate Games Meet for Women held in August, 2022, and later in Inter-University Tournament held during January, 2023. She had secured All India Rank of 5,15,668 in NEET UG examination and that she belongs to OBC category. Though petitioner produced certificates of participation as mentioned above, 11th respondent SAAP has not considered the same and awarded any priority, which is contrary to G.O. Ms.No.74, Youth Advancement, Tourism & Culture (Sports) Department, dated 09.08.2012.

3. Heard Mr.P.V.S.A. Rama Murthy, learned counsel for petitioner; and learned Government Pleader for Health, Medical and Family Welfare, for respondents 1 to 4; Mrs.T.V.Sridevi, learned Standing Counsel for 5th respondent University; Mr.G.Sai Narayana Rao, learned Standing Counsel for 11th respondent SAAP.

4. Learned counsel for petitioner, while reiterating stand pleaded in writ petition, contended that one of the candidates at Serial No.77 in revised merit list, though had certificate of participation for an event held in February, 2023, she had been assigned priority of 189, and since petitioner also stands on similar footing, 11th respondent SAAP ought not to have denied assigning appropriate priority.

5. Learned Standing Counsel for SAAP placed on record written instructions, dated 05.11.2026, which are taken on record subject to just exceptions. It is stated that petitioner could not be considered for

assigning priority for two reasons: (1) that petitioner failed to submit backup certificate issued by competent authority of concerned University, which is pre-requisite for giving weightage to certificates relied on; and (2) petitioner's participation and certificates relied on since relate to period beyond three years from the date of issuance of NEET notification, the same could not be considered.

6. Learned Standing Counsel for 5th respondent University submits that admissions to sports quota seats have been concluded on 26.10.2026, thus, petitioner cannot be accommodated in any manner and the prayer would render mere academic.

7. Perused the record.

8. At the outset, it is to be noted that admissions to MBBS Convenor quota seats under sports category stood concluded by 26.10.2026, thus, no exception can be carved out to order admissions beyond the said cut-off date.

9. Insofar as the merits of the case are concerned, since NEET Notification was issued on 05.08.2026, achievements of petitioner should correlate to period not more than three years prior to the said date, admittedly, in the present case, both Inter-University participation as well as backup certificate sought to be relied on were of January, 2023 and

August, 2022, respectively. Thus, certificates sought to be relied on by petitioner would not enure to her benefit to claim sports quota benefit.

10. Candidate at Sl.No.77 in revised merit list produced certificate of participation in an event held on 15.02.2023, which is well within three years of NEET Examination Notification, therefore, petitioner cannot claim parity or discrimination in that matter.

11. Thus, we do not find any merit in writ petition, and accordingly, the same stands dismissed. No order as to costs.

As a sequel, miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, shall stand closed.

LISA GILL, CJ **CHALLA GUNARANJAN, J**

Dt.11.11.2026.
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