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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

Bench Sr.No:-58 [3584]

WRIT PETITION NO: 30945 of 2026

Kalathoti Hansini ...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 : 4th November 2026

Present:

Advocate for Petitioner: MR. BANKA NAGESWARA RAO

Advocate(s) for Respondent(s): GP FOR SPORTS, GP FOR MED HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE, MRS.TATA VENKATA SRIDEVI, S.C. FOR Dr.NTR UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, & MR.G. SAI NARAYANA RAO, SC For SAAP

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

Prayer in present writ petition is as under:

"…. to issue a Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly, one in the nature of a WRIT OF MANDAMUS, (a) declaring the action of respondent Nos.3 and 4 in not considering the petitioner under the Sports and Games category for admission into MBBS/BDS courses under the Competent Authority Quota for the academic year 2026-27, by the remark "Relevant Form IV" not submitted at Serial No.201 in the Revised Final Priority List forwarded by the 4th Respondent under Lr. No.SAAP/ SRR/ MBBS and BDS 2026-27/2939258/2026, dated 16.10.2026, notwithstanding her possession

of the original Form IV certificate and submission of its scanned copy along with her grievance within the time expressly prescribed by 3rd Respondent, which is arbitrary, unlawful, unjust, against the principles of natural justice and violation of Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India; (b) consequently, to set aside the said adverse entry and direct Respondent Nos.3 and 4 to receive and verify the Petitioners original Form IV and assign the sports priority lawfully applicable to her within the time; and (c) Directing Respondents 3 and 4 to consider the Petitioner for counselling and admission under the Sports and Games category for the academic year 2026-27 in accordance with her lawful sports priority *inter se* merit eligibility and availability of seats and to pass….."

2. Petitioner belongs to Scheduled Caste, and she secured All India Rank of 276230 and category rank of 24602 in NEET (UG) 2026. Petitioner claims to be involved in sport of Taekwondo. She participated in 69th Andhra Pradesh State Inter-District School Games Tournament held in 2025–26 Under-19 Girls event. In support, she produced certificate issued by School Games Federation of Andhra Pradesh in Form IV. She also attended skill test, wherein documents furnished by her were verified by designated officer of 4th respondent, and issued checklist, dated 31.08.2026. Petitioner sought for admission under Sports and Games category in discipline of Taekwondo, however, 4th respondent, in the tentative priority list issued, though mentioned petitioner's name at Serial No. 41, in the remarks column, it is stated that Form IV original was not submitted. Petitioner raised grievance by sending an email, dated 02.10.2026, whereby, yet again original Form IV certificate has been uploaded for verification and updating priority. Despite the same, in the

revised final priority list, dated 16.10.2026, issued by 4th respondent, petitioner was not assigned any priority, though her name appeared at Serial No.201. Aggrieved by the same, present writ petition is preferred.

3. Heard Mr.Banka Nageswara Rao, learned counsel for petitioner and Mrs.T.V.Sri Devi, learned Standing Counsel for 2nd respondent University and Mr.G.Sai Narayana Rao, learned Standing Counsel for SAAP, appearing for 4th respondent.

4. Learned counsel for petitioner, while drawing our attention to Form IV in Ex.P3 and checklist, dated 31.08.2026, in Ex.P4, contended that despite submission of original Form IV certificate as acknowledged in checklist, 4th respondent, in final revised seniority list, in remarks column, erroneously mentioned that original Form IV was not submitted, which is factually incorrect. Further, by referring to email, dated 02.10.2026, addressed to 4th respondent, it is stated that petitioner has attached original Form IV for verification and updating priority, however, ignoring the same, final revised seniority list has been published, which is illegal and arbitrary. Thus, it is urged to direct 4th respondent to assign proper priority, having regard to petitioner's participation at the event mentioned above.

5. Learned Standing Counsel for 4th respondent, referring to written instructions, dated 28.10.2026, which are placed on record, contended that petitioner has not submitted original Form IV certificate either at the

time of verification, which is evident from checklist, or even thereafter, though email, dated 02.10.2026, was addressed, copy of original Form IV certificate was never furnished. Thus, no priority was assigned, hence, pleaded for dismissal of writ petition.

6. Perused the record.

7. Petitioner claims to have participated in 69th Andhra Pradesh State Inter-District School Games Tournament 2025–26 in Under-19 Girls event, however, controversy rests on submission of original Form IV issued by School Games Federation of Andhra Pradesh, which is competent authority. It is the case of petitioner that Form IV certificate was furnished for verification, and as per checklist, dated 31.08.2026, the same stands verified.

8. Perusal of checklist goes to show that it merely states that highest achievement certificate has been verified, but, however, the same does not indicate whether such verification was with reference to original Form IV certificate. Column which refers to relevant forms available (i.e., I / II / III / V), there is no remark neither confirming furnishing of any of above forms. Therefore, we are of the view that said checklist does not throw light on the controversy.

9. Even email, dated 02.10.2026, addressed by petitioner, nowhere states that original certificate was already submitted, and yet again the same was being furnished for verification; rather, strangely, it refers to attaching original Form IV certificate for verification. We are at a loss to understand how original certificate can be uploaded for verification, rather, it could have been only verified physically.

10. When 4th respondent categorically asserted that original certificate was not furnished for verification even till filing of writ petition, in the absence of any material to indicate otherwise, on mere oral statement of petitioner that the same was furnished, we cannot render a definitive finding. Such seriously disputed questions of fact cannot be decided by us in present proceedings. Even the admission process has ended by 26.10.2026 and classes commenced, hence, no interference is called for at this stage.

11. Therefore, we do not find any merit in writ petition; 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**

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