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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3460]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE 28th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 31361/2026

Between:

1. DR IMANDI RUKMINI SIRISHA, D/O. I SATYANARAYANA AGED 47YEARS, OCC. ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (ON CONTRACT) DEPARTMENT OF MARINE LIVING RESOURCES, AU COLLEGE OF SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY VISAKHAPATNAM - 530003

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP.BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522238
2. THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION, GARUDADRI K.K. TOWERS, SRI LAKSHMI NARASIMHA COLONY, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522503
3. VIKARAMA SIMHAPURI UNIVERSITY, REP.BY ITS REGISTRAR KAKUTURU VILLAGE, VENKATACHALAM MANDAL NELLORE, NELLORE DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 524320

...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 a writ or order or direction preferably a Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of Respondents in not reckoning the contractual teaching experience gained by the petitioner while working in Andhra University for the purpose of treating her eligible to the post of 'Associate Professor' in 'Marine Biology' discipline that was advertised vide Notification No.4A/SU/Associate Professors/Regul ar/2026, Date.15.05.2026by 3rd Respondent University as arbitrary, illegal, and violative of UGC Regulations, 2018 and set aside the same with a consequential direction to the Respondents to reckon the past service gained in various capacities as a qualifying service/experience for the post of Associate Professor in pursuant to recruitment Notifications issued by the Respondent University

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 direct the Respondents to allow the petitioner to participate in the subsequent selection process for the post of “Associate Professor” in 3rd Respondent University that was advertised vide Notification No.4/VSU/Associate Professors/ Regular/ 2026, dated 15.05.2026without reference to the in eligibility list, pending disposal of the above writ petition,

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. KAVITHA GOTTIPATI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR SERVICES III

WRIT PETITION NO: 31356/2026

Between:

1. NAKKALA GURAVAIAH, S/O. N VENKAT RATNAM AGED 45YEARS, OCC ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (ON CONTRACT) DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE VIKARAMA SIMHAPURI UNIVERSITY COLLEGE NELLORE, SPSR NELLORE DIST. ANDHRA PRADESH 524324.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP.BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522238
2. THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION, GARUDADRI K.K. TOWERS, SRI LAKSHNNI NARASIMHA COLONY, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522503
3. VIKARAMA SIMHAPURI UNIVERSITY, REP.BY ITS REGISTRAR KAKUTURU VILLAGE, VENKATACHALAM MANDAL NELLORE, NELLORE DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH 524320

...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 topleased to issue a writ or order or direction 4 preferably a Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of Respondents in not reckoning the contractual teaching experience gained by the petitioner while working against the substantive sanctioned post of an Assistant Professor in the very same 3rd Respondent University for the purpose of treating him eligible to the post of Associate Professor in Commerce discipline that was advertised vide Notification No4NSUAssociate ProfessorsRegular2026 Date15052026 as arbitrary illegal unconstitutional and violative of UGC Regulations 2018 and set aside the same with a consequential direction to the Respondents to reckon

the teaching experience gained by the petitioner while working in the contractual capacity as Assistant Professor as a qualifying experience for the post of Associate Professor in pursuant to recruitment Notifications dated 15th May 2026 issued by the Respondent University and pass

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 pleased to direct the Respondents to allow the petitioner to participate in the subsequent selection process for the post of "Associate Professor" in 3rdRespondent University that was advertised vide Notification No.4NSU/Associate Professors/ Regular/ 2026, Dated 15.05.2026 respectively without reference to the ineligibility list pending disposal of the above writ petition, and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. KAVITHA GOTTIPATI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR SERVICES III

WRIT PETITION NO: 31352/2026

Between:

1. DR. PATURI RAMA CHANDRA GANESH,, S/O. LATE P. VENKATA RAO AGED 47YEARS, OCC ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (ON CONTRACT) DEPARTMENT OF MARINE LIVING RESOURCES, AU COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY VISAKHAPATNAM, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT 530003

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP.BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522238
2. THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION, GARUDADRI K.K. TOWERS, SRI LAKSHMI NARASIMHA COLONY, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522503
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...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 a writ or order or direction preferably a Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of Respondents in not reckoning the contractual teaching

experience gained by the petitioner while working in Andhra University for the purpose of treating him eligible to the post of 'Associate Professor' in 'Marine Biology' discipline that was advertised vide Notification No.4NSU/Associate Professors/Regular/2026, Date15.05.2026by 3rd Respondent University as arbitrary, illegal, and violative of UGC Regulations, 2018 and set aside the same with a consequential direction to the Respondents to reckon the past service gained in various capacities as a qualifying service/experience for the post of Associate Professor in pursuant to recruitment Notifications issued by the Respondent University

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 direct the Respondents to allow the petitioner to participate in the subsequent selection process for the post of "Associate Professor" in 3rd Respondent University that was advertised vide Notification NoANSU/Associate Professors/ Regular/ 2026, dated 15.05.2026 without reference to the ineligibility list, pending disposal of the above writ petition

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. KAVITHA GOTTIPATI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR SERVICES III

The Court made the following:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

Writ Petition Nos.31361, 31356, 31352 of 2026

C O M M O N O R D E R:

1. The present batch of Writ Petitions are filed to declare the action of Respondents in rejecting the applications of the Petitioners for the posts of Associate Professor/Assistant Professor/Professor for want of emoluments as prescribed in G.O.Ms.No.14, Higher Education (UE) Department, dated 13.02.2019 under clause 10(f) of the University Grants Commission (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2018 (for short 'the UGC Regulations'), as illegal and arbitrary.

2. Learned counsel for the Petitioners would submit that though the language in treating the applications of Petitioners for the post of Associate Professor as ineligible in different, they are all traceable to lack of emoluments for counting 08 years of experience as provided in Regulation 10(f)(iii) of UGC Regulations, 2018 and submits that the issue involved in these Writ Petitions is covered by the Order, dated 13.10.2026 passed by this Court in W.P.No.24395 of 2026 and batch and requested to pass a similar order in these Writ Petitions

also. W.P.No.24395 of 2026 and batch is disposed of, with the following directions:

> *"The applications of the Petitioners for the post of Associate Professor shall be re-examined by the Respondent-Universities without insisting on the emoluments as provided in Regulation 10(f)(iii) of the UGC Regulations, 2018".*

3. Sri Ch. U. M. Reddy, learned Standing Counsel for the Respondents does not dispute the same.

4. In view of the same, the present batch of Writ Petitions are disposed of in terms of the Order, dated 13.10.2026 passed by this Court in W.P.No.24395 of 2026 and batch subject to all other qualifications prescribed. There shall be no order as to costs.

5. The Registry is directed to attach the copy of the Order, dated 13.10.2026 passed by this Court in W.P.No.24395 of 2026 and batch to this order.

6. As a sequel, the miscellaneous petitions if any shall stand dismissed.

JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

Date : 28.10.2026
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THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

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