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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE 11th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 31386 OF 2026

Between:

V.Manjunath, S/o.Venkatesu, Aged about 39 years, Occ Assistant Professor (Contract), Department of Physics, Sri Padmavati MahilaVisvavidyalayam, Tirupathi, R/o.D.No.102-1, Gunjarlapalle Village, Santhipuram Mandal, Chittoor District

...PETITIONER

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep., by its Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District. 522238

2. The Commissioner Of Higher Education, Garudadri Kk Towers, Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Colony, Mangalagiri, Guntur District - 522503.

3. The Acharya Nagarjuna University, Rep.By Its Registrar, Nagarjuna Nagar, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh 522510

4. The Sri Padmavati MahilaVisvavidyalayam, Rep.By Its Registrar, Administrative Office, Padmavathi Nagar, Tirupati, Tirupati District Andhra Pradesh -517502

5. The Sri Krishna Devaraya University, Rep.By Its Registrar, Administrative Office, Itikalapalli, Ananthapuramu, Ananthapuramu District Andhra Pradesh -515003.

6. The Vikrama Simhapuri University, Rep., By Its Registrar, Administrative Office At Kakaturu, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District - 524324.

...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 pass an appropriate Writ direction or order more particularly in the nature of Writ of mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in not reckoning the teaching experience gained by me while working against the substantive sanctioned post of an Assistant Professor in the respondent No4 university for the purposes of treating me eligible to the post of Associate Professor of Physics that was advertised by the respondent Nos.3, 4, 5 and 6 Universities vide Notification No.2NSU.Backlog.SCST and BC.2026 dated 15.05.2026 Notification No.4VSURegular2026 dated 15052026 Notification No.3.ANU.Associate Professors Regular 2026 dated 15.05.2026 Notification No.4 SKU Prof Associate Prof Regular2026 Date 14052026 Notification No.3.SPMVVT.Estt.Associate Professor Backlog.5CSTBC.2026 Date 15.05.2026 Notification No.4.SPMVVT.Estt.Associate Professor Regular 2026 Date15.05.2026 on the ground that I was not paid the pay band stipulated as arbitrary illegal unconstitutional and violative of Clause 4111 and 10f of UGC 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 that was adopted by the 1st Respondent State vide G.O.Ms.No.14 HE dated 13.02.2019 apart from being violative of law enunciated by this Honble Court in WP No.22466 of 2011 batch 2017 SCC OnLine Hyd 665 that was subsequently affirmed in WA No 191 of 2011 on the file of this Honble Court apart from being violative of the Fundamental Rights guaranteed to me under Articles 14 15 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondent universities to consider my candidature for the post of Associate Professor of Physics in pursuance of the above notifications dated 14.05.2026 and 15.05.2026 by reckoning the teaching experience

gained by me while working against the substantive sanctioned post of an Assistant Professor in the respondent No4 university and pass

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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 to direct the respondent universities to re-examine my candidature for the post of Associate Professor of Physics as per the Notifications, dated 15.05.2026 without insisting on the emoluments as provided in Regulation 10(f)(iii) of the UGC (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, pending disposal of the above Writ Petition and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner: B.ABHAY SIDDHANTH MOOTHA

Counsel for the Respondents: SANTHI SREE VALLABHANENI SC For Sri Padmavathi mahila University,Tirupati.

Counsel for the Respondents:O UDAYA KUMAR SC For S K UNIVERSITY

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR SERVICES III Counsel for the Respondents:

CH.U.M.REDDY, SC For V.SIMHAPURI UNIVERSITY,NLR

The Court made the following order:

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

W.P.No.31386 of 2026

O R D E R:

This writ petition is filed to direct the Respondent-Universities to re-examine the candidature of the Petitioner for the post of Associate Professor of Physics as per the Notification, dated 15.05.2026 without insisting on the emoluments as provided in Regulation 10(f) (iii) of the UGC (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').

2. Petitioner is appointed as Assistant Professor in Respondent No.4-University on 13.06.2018 in the Department of Physics. Pursuant to the notifications issued by Respondent Nos.3 to 6, Petitioner applied for the post of Associate Professor, but the same was rejected on the ground that the Petitioner does not meet the emoluments as required under the UGC Regulations r/w G.O.Ms.No.14 (HE), dated 13.02.2019.

3. Heard Ms. N.Srivirajitha, proxy counsel for Sri B.Abhay Siddanth Mottha, learned counsel for the Petitioner, learned Government Pleader for Respondents 1 to 3 and Smt. Santhi Sree for Respondent No.4, Sri. O. Udaya Kumar, Standing Counsel for 5th Respondent-University, and Sri Ch.U.M.REDDY, Standing Counsel for 6th Respondent-University.

4. Considering the submission that the issue involved in the present Writ Petition is squarely covered by the order, dated 13.10.2026, passed in W.P.No.24395 of 2026 and batch, the present Writ Petition is disposed of in terms of the said order subject to Petitioner meeting all other qualifications.

5. The Registry is directed to append a copy of the order, dated 13.10.2026, passed in W.P.No.24395 of 2026 and batch, to this order. No order as to costs.

As a sequel, pending applications, if any, shall stand closed.

NYAPATHY VIJAY,J

Date: 11.11.2026
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