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

WEDNESDAY, THE 4th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 31388/2026

Between:

1. VENKATA SITAMAHALAKSHMI NANDIPATI, D/O. MOHANDAS GANDHI N. AGED 45 YEARS OCC ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (ON CONTRACT) DEPARTMENT OF NUCLEAR PHYSICS, COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ANDHRA UNIVERSITY, 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 KK TOWERS, SRI LAKSHMI NARASIMHA COLONY, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522503
3. ANDHRA UNIVERSITY, REP.BY ITS REGISTRAR VISAKHAPATNAM, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH 530003

...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 preferably a Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of Respondents in not reckoning the teaching experience gained by the petitioner while working against the substantive sanctioned post of an Assistant ProfessorEquivalent academic position in the University for the purpose of treating him eligible to the post of Associate Professor in Nuclear physics that was advertised by the 3 rd Respondent by way of direct recruitment notification Nos No SII16849179020263dated 15052026 as arbitrary illegal unconstitutional and violative 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 and set aside the same with a consequential direction to the Respondents to reckon the teaching

experience gained by the petitioner while working the substantive sanctioned post of an Assistant in Professorequivalent academic teaching position in University as a qualifying experience for the post of Associate Professor in pursuant to recruitment Notifications dated 15052026 issued by the 3 rd Respondent 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 pleased to direct the Respondents to allow the petitioner to participate in the subsequent selection process for the post of "Associate Professor" in 3rd Respondent University without reference to the ineligibility list dated 19.08.2026, pending disposal of the above writ petition and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. KAVITHA GOTTIPATI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

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O R D E R:

1. The present Writ Petition is filed to declare the action of Respondents in rejecting the application of the Petitioner for the post of Associate 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 Petitioner would submit that the issue involved in this Writ Petition 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 this Writ Petition 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. Learned counsel for the Respondents does not dispute the same.

4. In view of the same, the present Writ Petition is 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 : 04.11.2026
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