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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI [3457]
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

TUESDAY, THE 27th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE HARINATH.N

WRIT PETITION NO: 29988/2025

Between:

1. KAMALA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES, KRISHNAPURAM MARKAPUR- 523316 PRAKASAM DISTRICT (COLLEGE ICETCODE. KMSM) REP BY ITS SECRETARY/CORRESPONDENT OF THE COLLEGE, SRI.P.PAVAN KUMAR S/O SRI P.ANANTHA SUBRAMANYAM KESAVA RAO, AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS R/O D.NO. 4-176,177,178, CAR STREET VTC, MARKAPUR TOWN RAKASAM DISTRICT 523316

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, AP SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DIST
2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, AP SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.
3. THE DIRECTOR, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH TG PLA2A BUILDING TADEPALLI GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.

...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 an appropriate writ more in the nature of

Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the Respondents in not releasing the admitted due amounts to the account of the Petitioner's Institution towards reimbursement of the expenditure incurred by them under the 'Reimbursement of Tuition Fee (RTF) scheme' for the students admitted in the academic, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 (only 2nd year students) a sum of Rs 31,52,250/- towards RTF for obvious reasons as being arbitrary, illegal and violating Articles 14, 16, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India and also in contravention of the GO Ms No. 115, Social Welfare Department, dated. 30-11-2019 and consequential Government Orders, and consequently direct the Respondents to release the admitted amount to a tune of Rs 31,52,250/- towards Reimbursement of Tuition Fee (RTF) of both Fresh and Renewals for the students admitted in the academic years 2017-18, 2018-19 , 2019-20 (only 2nd year students) directly to the account of the Petitioner's institution as all students admitted in these years have completed their courses and left the college by collecting their certificates and the college has not collected any amount of tuition fee from the said batches of students of the said years, with interest thereon @ 24percent per annum and issue

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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 respondents to atleast release the half of the total amount of Rs. 15,76,125/- towards Reimbursement of Tuition Fee (RTF) With interest at 24% per annum that is due to the college forthwith and issue

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. S S BHATT

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR SOCIAL WELFARE
2. GP FOR FINANCE PLANNING

The Court made the following order:

The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the action of the Respondents in not releasing the admitted due amount to a tune of Rs.31,52,250/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty only), together with interest thereon @ 24% per annum to the Petitioner-College towards reimbursement of the expenditure incurred by them under the 'Reimbursement of Tuition Fee (RTF) scheme' for the academic years 2017-2020.

2. The facts leading to filing of this writ petition are as follows:

The Petitioner is a private unaided college. In order to promote academic education in the State, State Government had introduced a scheme originally titled as Right to Tuition Fee (RTE) and Maintenance fee of Student (MTF) through the Social Welfare Department. The students are allotted to the Petitioner-College through the social welfare department. For the academic years 2017-2020, the Petitioner-College was allotted students as per the schemes, but the amounts were not credited to the college accounts though there is no dispute with regard to the amount due.

3. It is further stated that "Jnanabhumi" smart portal was created to streamline the post metric scholarships eco-system vide G.O.Ms.No.81, Social Welfare Department, dated 07.05.2019 and G.O.Ms.No.115, Social Welfare Department, dated 30.11.2019. It is stated that the said portal has all the

details of the colleges and the students admitted among other stakeholder details. Vide G.O.Ms.No.81, Social Welfare (Edn.2) Department, dated 07.05.2019 and G.O.Ms.No.115, Social Welfare Department, dated 30.11.2019, the Jnanabhumi portal was modified for better services. It is stated that the amounts due to the colleges under RTF and MTF schemes would be available on this "Jnanabhumi" portal with details of the students.

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that in the face of the availability of details of amounts due to the Petitioner-College under the above mentioned schemes, there is no justification to delay the payments.

5. Learned Government Pleader, on instructions received from the Director of Social Welfare Department, submits that the Petitioner-College has wrongly described the claimed amount as "admitted dues" under the fee reimbursement scheme. It is submitted that the said amount represents only the Petitioner's claim and not admitted dues. The dues are calculated strictly in accordance with the data available on the Jnanabhumi portal, which is the online platform for registration of applications, verification, processing, and release of fee reimbursement amounts.

6. Considering the submissions on both sides, this Writ Petition is disposed of, with the following directions:-

(i) The Respondents concerned are directed to examine the claim of the Petitioner-College as per the Jnanabhumi portal within a period of eight (08) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

(ii) On verification, the amount due to the Petitioner shall be paid to the Petitioner within a period of three (3) months thereafter.

There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, the miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in this Petition shall stand closed.

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