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

FRIDAY, THE 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE HARINATH.N
WRIT PETITION NO: 33152/2026

Between:

1. RANA B.ED. COLLEGE,, REP., BY ITS CORRESPONDENT, SRI B. GANESH KUMAR, S/O.B. RANGAIAH, AGED ABOUT 54 YEARS, RIO. SY.NO. 110-1A, 1B, 1C, D.NO. 41, 42, 43, KONDAMPALLE, PENUKONDA TOWN, SRI SATYA SAI DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.522238
2. THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.522503
3. SRI KRISHNADEVARAYA UNIVERSITY, REPRESENTED BY ITS REGISTRAR, ANANTHAPURAMU - 515003, ANDHRA PRADESH.
4. THE DEAN, COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, SRI KRISHNADEVARAYA UNIVERSITY, ANANTHAPURAMU -515003, ANDHRA PRADESH.
5. THE CONVENER, APEDCET-2026 ADMISSIONS COMMISSIONERATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH, MANGALAGIRI, ANDHRA PRADESH.
6. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ANDHRA PRADESH CENTRE FOR FINANCIAL SYSTEMS AND SERVICES (APCFSS), GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH, MANGALAGIRI, ANDHRA PRADESH.522503
7. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION, SOUTHERN REGIONAL COMMITTEE, REPRESENTED BY ITS REGIONAL DIRECTOR, G-7, SECTOR-10, DWARKA, NEW DELHI - 110075.

...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 an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the inaction of Respondent Nos.2 to 7 in processing and granting affiliation /renewal of affiliation to the Petitioner institution for the B.Ed. Course for the Academic Year 2026-27 and in not enabling College Code Rana/30585 in the APEDCET-2026/AP-CFSS admission and affiliation portals, despite the order dated 14-07-2026 in W.P.No. 12676 of 2026 setting aside the withdrawal proceedings of the NCTE, despite the consequential revival of the Petitioner's pre-existing NCTE recognition, despite the subsequent Zero Affiliation Orders dated 22-09-2026 issued by Sri Krishnadevaraya University for the Academic Years 2020-21 to 2025-26 and despite receipt of the entire amount demanded towards affiliation / inspection charges, as illegal, arbitrary, contrary to Sections 14(6) and 16 of the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993, contrary to the binding orders of this Honourable Court and violative of Article 14 of the Constitution of India, and consequently direct Respondent Nos.2 to 7 to forthwith grant renewal of affiliation to the Petitioner institution for the B.Ed. Course for the Academic Year 2026-27 with the intake recognised by the NCTE

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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 direct Respondent Nos.3 and 4 to forthwith process the Petitioner's affiliation for the B.Ed. Course for the Academic Year 2026-27 and pending such final processing, direct Respondent Nos.5 to 7 to provisionally enable and reflect the Petitioner institution, College Code Rana/30585, in the APEDCET-2026 counselling portal for exercise of web options and allotment of students, subject to the result of the Writ Petition,

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. M KARIBASAIAH

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR SCHOOL EDUCATION
2. GP FOR FINANCE PLANNING

ORDER:

1. The petitioner is aggrieved by the inaction on the part of Respondent Nos.2 to 7 in processing and granting affiliation/renewal of affiliation to the petitioner institution for the B.Ed. Course for the Academic Year 2026-27 and in not enabling College Code Rana/30585 in the APEDCET-2026/AP-CFSS admission and affiliation portals, despite the order dated 14-07-2026 in W.P.No.12676 of 2026 setting aside the withdrawal proceedings of the NCTE, despite the consequential revival of the petitioner's pre-existing NCTE recognition, despite the subsequent Zero Affiliation Orders dated 22.09.2026 issued by Sri Krishnadevaraya University for the Academic Years 2020-21 to 2025-26 and despite receipt of the entire amount demanded towards affiliation/inspection charges, as illegal.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that, in W.P.No.16374 of 2026, the withdrawal proceedings initiated by the NCTE were set aside and zero affiliation orders were issued on 22.09.2026. It is further submitted that the petitioner has paid an amount of Rs.2,00,000/- towards affiliation and inspection charges and submitted the demand draft on 22.09.2026. However, respondent No.3 has neither conducted an inspection of the petitioner's college nor granted affiliation to enable the petitioner institution to participate in the counselling process, which has already commenced.

3. The learned Standing counsel appearing for respondent No.3 does not dispute the receipt of an amount of Rs.2,00,000/- pursuant to the communication dated 22.09.2026. It is further submitted that respondent No.3 would undertake the inspection and complete the further process shortly.

4. Considering the urgency expressed by learned counsel for the petitioner and having regard to the fact that the first phase of counselling is already over and the second phase of counselling has commenced from 11.11.2026, this Court is of the view that appropriate directions are required to be issued to protect the interest of the petitioner institution, in accordance with law. Accordingly, respondent No.3 is directed to complete the inspection of the petitioner's institution and take further necessary steps for processing the petitioner's affiliation for the academic year 2026-27, in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible.

5. Pending such exercise, the petitioner institution shall be permitted to participate in the second phase of counselling and any further counselling process relating to the allotment of students. However, it is made clear that such participation and allotment of students shall be subject to the final decision of respondent No.3 on the petitioner's request for affiliation. In the event, respondent No.3, upon inspection, finds that the petitioner institution is not eligible or fit for grant of affiliation, the students allotted to the said institution shall be reallocated to other eligible colleges, in accordance with law.

6. With the above directions, the present Writ Petition is disposed off. There shall be no order as to costs.

Pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

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