IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE TWELFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE E.V. VENUGOPAL

WRIT PETITION NO: 4404 OF 2026

Between:

1. Kummari Rajani, W/o. Kummari Raju, Aged about 42 years, Occ Cook-Cum-Mid day Meal agency, Rio. H.No.11-6-70, Pratapnagar, Christian colony, Warangal Urban District, Telangana State - 506013.
2. Ankam Mallikaamba, W/o.Ankam Sambaiah, Aged about 52 years, Occ Cook-Cum-Mid day Meal agency, Rio. H.No. 17-9-61, Ashok Street, Kareemabad, Warangal District, Telangana State - 506002.
3. Chintha Yellamma, W/o. Late Chintha Mallaiah, Aged about 54 years, Occ Cook-Cum-Mid day Meal agency, Rio. H.No.11-21-266, Narendra Nagar, Kashibugga, Warangal District, Telangana State -506002.
4. Anna Umadevi, W/o. Anna Sudharshanam, Aged about 55 years, Occ Cook-Cum-Mid day Meal agency, H.No.17-7-202, Urusuprathap Nagar, Karimabad, Warangal District, Telangana State -506002.
5. Raziya Sulthana, W/o. Mohammad Mahbood, Aged about 59 years, Occ Cook-Cum-Mid day Meal agency, R/o. H.No.16-11-513, Chintal, Warangal District, Telangana State -506002
6. Zakiya Begum, W/o. Mohammed Abdul Jaleel Pasha, Aged about 34 years, Occ Cook-Cum-Mid day Meal agency, R/o. H.No.16-11-513, Abbanikunta, Warangal District, Telangana State - 506002.
7. Munigala Mounika @ Gannarapu Mounika, D/o. Munigala Vijay, Aged about 33 years, Occ Cook-Cum-Mid day meal agency, Rio. H.No.15-2-251, Rangampet, Warangal District, Telangana State - 506002
8. Najmunnisa Begum, W/o.Mohammed Rashid, Aged about 68 years, Occ Cook-Cum-Mid day meal agency, R/o. H.No.19-11-128, Shambhunipet, Warangal District, Telangana State - 506005.

...PETITIONERS

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Rep., by its Principal Secretary, Education Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad, Telangana State.
2. The Director of School Education, Hyderabad, Telangana State.
3. The District Collector, Warangal district, Telangana state
4. The District Education Officer, Warangal district, Telangana state -506001.
5. The Mandal Education Officer, Warangal Urban Mandal, Warangal district, Telangana- 506001.
6. The Mandal Education Officer, Khila Warangal Mandal, Warangal district, Telangana - 506002.
7. The Tahasildar (M.R.O), Warangal urban Mandal, Warangal district, Telangana -506001.
8. The Tahasildar (M.R.O), Khila Warangal Mandal, Warangal district, Telangana -506002.

9. Akshaya Patra Foundation, Rep. by its managing Director Hyderabad Regional office, O/o. Plot 2, Kesari Nilayam, Krishna Nagar Colony, Picket, Secunderabad, Telangana - 500015.

...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 issue appropriate order or orders more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the act of Respondent No.3 in issuing the proceedings vide Rc. No.11/1204/2025 dated 01/08/2025 in permitting the Respondent No.9 to supply the Mid day meals to the children's studying in the Warangal Urban Mandal and Khila Warangal Mandal schools in Warangal district more fully in Khila Warangal and Urban Warangal Mandals at Govt. High School, at green Market, G.H.S, at Urusu Gattu, G.H.S. Narendranagar, Primary School Shambhunipet, Govt. High School Urdu Medium at Chintal, Primary School Urdu Medium at Chintal, G.H.S. at Lakshmipuram schools respectively without any authority and without issuing notice to the Petitioners is illegal, arbitrary and against the guidelines issued by the government in G.O.Rt.No. 63 dated 08/05/2019, G.O.Ms.No. 94 dated 25.11.2002 and the directions issued by this Hon'ble Court in W.P. No. 9800 of 2013 order dated 30/12/2014 equally in W.P. No. 8643 of 2025 dated 21/03/2025.

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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 suspend the operation of the proceedings issued by Respondent No.3 vide Rc. No.11/1204/2025 dated 01.08.2025 by permitting the Respondent No.9 to serve the Mid day meals by continuing the Petitioners to the Mid day meals in Khilla Warangal and Urban Warngal Mandals at Govt. High School, at green Market, G.H.S, at Urusu Gattu, G.H.S. Narendranagar, Primary School Shambhunipet, Govt. High School Urdu Medium at Chintal, Primary School Urdu Medium at Chintal, G.H.S. at Lakshmipuram respectively.

Counsel for the Petitioners: SRI M.VIJAYA KUMAR GOUD
Counsel for the Respondent Nos.1 TO 6: GP FOR EDUCATION
Counsel for the Respondent Nos.7 & 8: GP FOR REVENUE
Counsel for the Respondent No.9: --

The Court made the following: ORDER

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE E.V.VENUGOPAL

WRIT PETITION No.4404 of 2026

DATE OF ORDER: 12.02.2026

Between:

Kummari Rajani and others

...Petitioners

AND

The State of Telangana,
rep. by its Principal Secretary,
Education Department,
Secretariat, Hyderabad and others

...Respondents

ORDER :

This Writ Petition, under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is filed seeking the following relief:

> *"...to issue appropriate order or orders more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the act of Respondent No.3 in issuing the proceedings vide Rc.No.11/1204/2025, dated 01/08/2025 in permitting the Respondent No.9 to supply*

the Mid day meals to the childrens studying in the Warangal Urban Mandal and Khila Warangal Mandal schools in Warangal district more fully in Khila Warangal and Urban Warangal Mandals at Govt. High School, at green Market, G.H.S, at Urusu Gattu, G.H.S. Narendranagar, Primary School Shambhunipet, Govt. High School Urdu Medium at Chintal, Primary School Urdu Medium at Chintal, G.H.S. at Lakshmipuram schools respectively without any authority and without issuing notice to the Petitioners is illegal, arbitrary and against the guidelines issued by the government in G.O.Rt.No.63 dated 08/05/2019, G.O.Ms.No.94, dated 25.11.2002 and the directions issued by this Honble Court in W.P.No.9800 of 2013 order dated 30/12/2014 equally in W.P.No.8643 of 2025 dated 21/03/2025..."

2. Heard Sri M.Vijaya Kumar Goud, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners and learned Assistant Government Pleader for School Education and perused the record.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that petitioner Nos.1 to 8 have been working as Cook-cum-Helpers in various schools across Warangal Rural and Khila Warangal Mandals under the Mid Day Meal Scheme for 23 years, serving freshly cooked meals without complaints. Initially paid Rs.1,000/- per month, their honorarium was increased to Rs.3,000/- from 03.02.2023.

They perform duties exceeding 8 hours daily and, through their union, filed W.P.No.32153 of 2024 seeking proper time-scale pay. The court directed payment of Rs.17,000/- per month on 24.02.2025, but appeals and review petitions are pending. Despite this, respondents issued Rc.No.11/1204/2025, dated 01.08.2025 to terminate their services and replace them with a centralized kitchen agency (respondent No.9) without notice, seemingly to avoid paying the court-ordered wages. Respondent No.3 had no authority under G.O.Ms.No.63, dated 08.05.2019 to make such appointments. Similar illegal attempts in other districts were previously stayed by courts.

4. Petitioners continue to cook meals on-site, following all G.O.Ms.No.94, dated 25.11.2002 guidelines and maintaining quality, whereas the centralized supply serves food prepared hours earlier. Their representations dated 23.01.2026 remain unaddressed. In light of these violations of law and natural justice, petitioners seek intervention from this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.

5. Learned Assistant Government Pleader appearing for the School Education submitted that the impugned proceeding is issued only with an intention to maintain uniform quality, finely procurement and supply of Eggs under Mid-Day Meal Scheme in furtherance of guidelines issued by the Government in G.O.Ms.No.94, dated 25.11.2002. He further submitted that the impugned proceeding is issued in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Government in implementation of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme. Since, there is no illegality or irregularities committed by respondent No.3 in issuing the impugned proceeding, he prayed to dismiss the Writ Petition.

6. Admittedly, the Government issued G.O.Ms.No.94, dated 25.11.2002, for implementation of Mid-Day Meal (Cooked) Programme for the children of Classes V- VII in all the Government and Aided Primary and Upper Primary Schools in the State and petitioners were appointed as Cooks-cum-Mid-Day Meal Agency. The said Agency works strictly under the control and supervision of the Committees

being constituted in terms of the said G.O. As per Condition No.12 of G.O.Ms.No.94, 25.11.2002, the Department of School Education shall organize inspection of food being supplied through Officials of Food and Nutrition Board (Government of India), Home Science College wherever they are existing, Municipal Health Officers, food inspectors of Civil Supplies department or any other specialized agency in the field of Food and Nutrition.

7. Since the G.O.Ms.No.94, dated 25.11.2002 has been taking care to supply good quality and quantity of Mid-Day Meal to the eligible students, the impugned proceeding, dated 01.08.2025, issued by respondent No.3 is not in consonance with the said G.O Ms.No.94, dated 25.11.2002.

8. In view of the same, this Writ Petition is allowed and the impugned proceeding *vide* Rc.No.11/1204/2025, dated 01.08.2025, issued by respondent No.3 is set aside and the respondents are directed to strictly implement the guidelines issued by the Government *vide* G.O.Ms.No.94, dated 25.11.2002. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending, shall stand closed.

SD/-P. PONNA KRISHNA
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To

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9. One CC to SRI M.VIJAYA KUMAR GOUD, Advocate [OPUC]
10. Two CCs to GP FOR EDUCATION, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad. [OUT]
11. Two CCs to GP FOR REVENUE, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad. [OUT]
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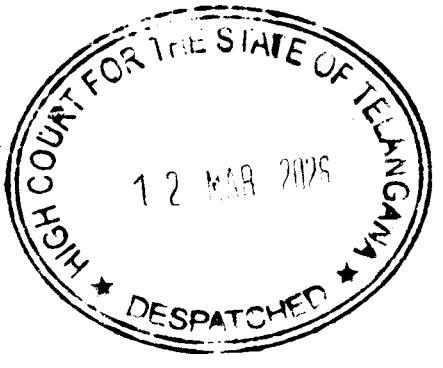
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HIGH COURT

DATED:12/02/2026

ORDER

WP.No.4404 of 2026



ALLOWING THE WRIT PETITION WITHOUT COSTS

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