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

TUESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE JUVVADI SRIDEVI

WRIT PETITION NO: 32137 OF 2026

Between:

Sadiram Akhil, S/o. Sadiram Prathap, Aged 25 years, Occ. Student, R/o. H.No. 2-447, SC Colony, Near AG Living Church, Bhiramaram Village, Hasanparthy Mandal, Hanumakonda District.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. The State of Telangana,, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat Buildings, Hyderabad.
2. The Telangana State Council for Higher Education, Opp. Mahavir Hospital, Mahavir Marg, Masab Tank, Hyderabad. Rep. by its Secretary.
3. The SR University, Ananthasagar, Hasanparthy, Warangal, Warangal District. Rep. by its Registrar

...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 a writ order, or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the 3rd respondent in not returning the Original SSC Memo, B.Tech. Original Degree, Consolidated Marks Memo, Provisional Memo and Transfer Certificate of the petitioner and further action in demanding to pay Rs.4 Lakhs for returning the Original Certificates as highly illegal, arbitrary, unjust and against the provisions of Education Act and against Article 14, 19 and 21 of Constitution of India.

I.A. NO: 1 OF 2026

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 3rd respondent to forthwith return the Original SSC Memo, B.Tech. Original Degree, Consolidated Marks Memo, Provisional Memo and Transfer Certificate, belonging to petitioner, pending disposal of the writ petition.

Counsel for the Petitioner: DR. RAVI KUMAR N.

Counsel for the Respondent No.1: MR. M. VAMSHI KIRAN, AGP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Counsel for the Respondent No.2: MR. A. P. SURESH RAM, SC FOR TGCHE

Counsel for the Respondent No.3: - - - -

The Court made the following: ORDER

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THE HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE JUVVADI SRIDEVI

WRIT PETITION No.32137 of 2026
(C.N.R.No.HBHC010659902026)

06 OCTOBER, 2026

Between:

Sadiram Akhil

... Petitioner

AND

The State of Telangana and 2 others

...Respondents

: O R D E R :

This Writ Petition is filed seeking the following relief:

> *"to issue a writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the 3rd respondent in not returning the Original SSC Memo, B.Tech Original Degree, Consolidated Marks Memo, Provisional Memo and Transfer Certificate of the petitioner and further action in demanding to pay Rs.4 Lakhs for returning the Original Certificates as highly illegal, arbitrary, unjust and against the provisions of Education Act and against Article 14, 19 and 21 of Constitution of India and pass..."*

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, Mr. M.Vamshi Kiran, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Higher Education, appearing for respondent No.1 and Mr. A.P.Suresh Ram, learned Standing Counsel for TGCHE, appearing for respondent No.2. Inspite of service of notice, there is no representation for respondent No.3. Perused the record.

3. Case of the petitioner is that, at the time of admission into B.Tech course in respondent No.3-college, he has submitted all his original certificates. Upon successful completion of the course, he approached respondent No.3 several times seeking return of his original certificates, but respondent No.3 refused for the same, on the ground that the fee reimbursement by the Government is pending. Hence, the present writ petition.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner completed his B.Tech course in the year 2024. However, respondent No.3 has failed to return the original certificates of the petitioner till date. He submits that the petitioner had applied for admission to the M.S. Civil Engineering course at Coventry University, United Kingdom and the same has been approved. The petitioner is now required to travel to the United Kingdom for pursuing the said course, for which production of the original certificates is necessary for completing the admission formalities. He further submits that any further delay in release of the petitioner's original certificates would irreparably prejudice his career, which cannot be compensated by any subsequent monetary relief. Therefore, he requested this Court to direct respondent No.3 to forthwith return the petitioner's original certificates.

5. It is not in dispute that the petitioner had submitted his original certificates to respondent No.3 at the time of admission into B.Tech course and subsequently completed his course. It is also not in dispute that the original certificates of the petitioner were presently in the custody of respondent No.3. The said certificates, being personal and academic credentials, are undoubtedly the exclusive property of the petitioner. In the absence of any statutory or legal authority, respondent No.3 has no authority whatsoever to retain the petitioner's original certificates. Even assuming that the college has any monetary claim against the petitioner, the proper remedy, if any, available is to pursue appropriate proceedings in accordance with law for recovery of its dues. However, the college cannot retain the petitioner's original certificates as security for recovery of any amount claimed by it and such retention is wholly unlawful and cannot be justified on the ground of any outstanding liability. Therefore, this Court is of the considered opinion that the petitioner is entitled to the immediate return of his original certificates.

6. For the foregoing discussion, this Writ Petition is allowed, directing the petitioner to submit a representation before respondent No.3, seeking return of his original certificates i.e., Original SSC Memo, B.Tech Original Degree, Consolidated Marks Memo,

Provisional Memo and Transfer Certificate. On such application being filed, respondent No.3 shall consider the same and return the original certificates referred to above to the petitioner, within a period of one (1) week thereafter. No costs.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

SD/- C.DEEPIKA
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat Buildings, State of Telangana,, Hyderabad.
2. The Secretary, Telangana State Council for Higher Education, Opp. Mahavir Hospital, Mahavir Marg, Masab Tank, Hyderabad.
3. The Registrar, SR University, Ananthasagar, Hasanparthy, Warangal, Warangal District.
4. One CC to DR. RAVI KUMAR N. Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CCs to GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad [OUT]
6. One CC to MR. A. P. SURESH RAM, SC FOR TGCHE [OPUC]
7 Two CD Copies

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HIGH COURT

DATED: 06/10/2026

ORDER

WP.No.32137 of 2026



ALLOWING THE WRIT PETITION WITHOUT COSTS

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