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

MONDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF NOVEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE JUVVADI SRIDEVI

WRIT PETITION NO: 35170 OF 2026

Between:

Kommula Deepak Reddy, S/o. Kommula Venkat Reddy, Aged: 22 years, Occupation: Student, R/o.H-No. 1-10, Ankapur, Nizamabad, Telangana - 503224.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. STATE OF TELANGANA, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. Jawaharlal Nehru Technology University, Represented by its Vice Chancellor, Kukatpally, Hyderabad.
3. Narsimha Reddy Engineering College, Represented by its Principal, 0/o. Survey No. 518, Hanuman Temple Road, Misammaguda Village, Kompally, Secunderabad. Telangana - 500100.

...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 to declare the inaction of the Respondent No.2 and 3 in considering the representations, dated 05.10.2026, for returning the original certificates i.e. SSC Memo, Intermediate Memo, Intermediate Bonafides, Class VI to X Bonafides, and present Transfer Certificate, Provisional Certificate, CMMI Certificates to the petitioner (who is the student of the 3rd Respondent College vide Roll No. 22X01A05A1, Batch 2022-26, Branch Computer Science and Engineering, B.Tech.,), despite, holding the certificates, assigning the reason of pending Government Fee Reimbursement, as illegal, arbitrary and unconstitutional and Consequentially direct the Respondent No. 3 to return the certificates to the writ petitioner without insisting to pay the Due Fee Reimbursement of Government.

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 issue interim directions on the Respondent No. 2 and 3 return the original certificates i.e. SSC Memo, Intermediate Memo, Intermediate Bonafides, Class VI to X Bonafides, and present Transfer Certificate, Provisional Certificate, CMMI Certificates to the petitioner without insisting to pay the Due Fee Reimbursement of Government.

Counsel for the Petitioner: Ms. M. SHAMANTHA

Counsel for the Respondent No.1: SRI M. VAMSHI KIRAN, ASST. GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Counsel for the Respondent No.2: SRI PRABHAKAR PERI, SC FOR JNTU

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

The Court made the following: ORDER

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE JUVVADI SRIDEVI

WRIT PETITION No.35170 of 2026
(CNR No.HBHC010720272026)

2ND NOVEMBER, 2026

Between:

Kommula Deepak Reddy

... Petitioner

AND

State of Telangana, represented by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad and two others

...Respondents

: O R D E R :

This Writ Petition is filed seeking the following relief:

> "issue to issue a writ order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of Mandamus to declare the inaction of the Respondent No 2 and 3 in considering the representations dated 05 10 2026 for returning the original certificates i e SSC Memo Intermediate Memo Intermediate Bonafides Class VI to X Bonafides and present Transfer Certificate Provisional Certificate CMMI Certificates to the petitioner who is the student of the 3rd Respondent College vide Roll No 22X01A05A1 Batch 202226 Branch Computer Science and Engineering B Tech despite holding the certificates assigning the reason of pending Government Fee Reimbursement as illegal arbitrary and unconstitutional and Consequentially direct the Respondent No 3 to return the certificates to the writ petitioner without insisting to pay the Due Fee Reimbursement of Government and be pleased to pass..."

2. Heard Ms. M.Shamantha, learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Government Pleader appearing for respondent No.1 and

Mr. Prabhakar Peri, learned Standing Counsel for respondent No.2. In-spite of service of notice, there is no representation for respondent No.3-College.

3. Case of the petitioner is that at the time of admission into the Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech.) course, he submitted all his original certificates to the respondent No.3-College. It is the further case of the petitioner that, upon successful completion of the course, he approached Respondent No.3-College for the return of his original certificates. However, respondent No.3-College has failed to return the same and are illegally withholding the original certificates on the ground that the tuition fee reimbursement amount is yet to be released by the Government. Hence, the present writ petition.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though the petitioner successfully completed his B.Tech. course, respondent No.3 has failed to return the original certificates submitted by him at the time of admission, on the ground of pending tuition fee reimbursement from the Government, which is wholly illegal, arbitrary and unsustainable. Therefore, he seeks a direction to

respondent No.3-College to forthwith return all the original certificates of the petitioner.

5. Perused the record.

6. It is not in dispute that at the time of admission, the petitioner submitted his original certificates and the petitioner had successfully completed his B. Tech. course and the original certificates were presently in the custody of respondent No.3-College. The said certificates, being personal and academic credentials, are undoubtedly the property of the petitioner. In such circumstances, respondent No.3-College has no authority whatsoever to retain the said certificates and the retention of the petitioner's original certificates is wholly unjustified and cannot be sustained. Even assuming that the College has any monetary claim against the petitioner, withholding the original certificates of the petitioner cannot be adopted as a mode of enforcing such claim. The proper remedy available to the college, if any, 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 the recovery of any amount claimed by it. Such retention is 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.

7. For the foregoing discussion, this Writ Petition is allowed, directing respondent No.3-College to forthwith return all the original certificates to the petitioner. No costs.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

SD/- M. OSMAN ALI BAIG

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, State of Telangana, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru Technology University, Kukatpally, Hyderabad.
3. The Principal, Narsimha Reddy Engineering College, O/o. Survey No. 518, Hanuman Temple Road, Misammaguda Village, Kompally, Secunderabad. Telangana - 500100.
4. One CC to Ms M. SHAMANTHA, Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CCs to GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, High Court for the State of Telangana. [OUT]
6. One CC to SRI PRABHAKAR PERI, SC FOR JNTU [OPUC]
7. Two CD Copies

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HIGH COURT

JS, J

DATED: 02/11/2026

ORDER

WP.No.35170 of 2026



ALLOWING THE WRIT PETITION WITHOUT COSTS

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