



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
AT AMARAVATI  
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

**[3327]**

**TUESDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF OCTOBER  
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE**

**PRESENT**

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K SREENIVASA REDDY**

**WRIT PETITION NO: 27501/2025**

**Between:**

1. SIDDARTHA DEGREE COLLEGE, REP BY ITS  
CORRESPONDENT SRI. ANNABATHULA DURGARAO P.  
GANNAVARAM, DR. B.R AMBEDKAR KONASEEMA DISTRICT  
ANDHRA PRADESH.

**...PETITIONER**

**AND**

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER  
EDUCATION, TULLURU, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS  
VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.

2. THE ANDHRA PRADESH HIGHER EDUCATION REGULATORY  
AND MONITORING COMMISSION, GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA  
PRADESH REP BY ITS MEMBER-SECRETARY 3RD FLOOR,  
SREE MAHENDRA ENCLAVE, NRI BLOCK (C-BLOCK). NH-16,  
TADEPALLI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522501.

**...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 to issue an appropriate writ more in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent, Regulatory Commission in not determining the fee structure for the block period 2025-26 for the various courses being offered by the Petitioner-Institution on the ground that the Petitioner institution did not pay the processing fee and submitted the data as notified by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent despite the representation made by the Petitioner on 29-09-2025 and further

ignoring the fact that the Petitioner institution obtained statutory permissions from the academic year 2025-26 as being arbitrary, illegal and violative of Articles 14 and 19 of the Constitution of India and violative of the Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Monitoring and Regulatory Commission Act and Rules, Regulations framed therein and consequently direct the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondents to determine and notify the fee structure for the Petitioner institution and issue such other writ or order or direction as deemed fit and proper in the circumstances of case.

**Counsel for the Petitioner:**

1. SRI VIJAY MATHUKUMILLI

**Counsel for the Respondent(S):**

1. GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

**The Court made the following:**

**ORDER: -**

Heard arguments of Sri Mathukumilli Srivijay, Learned Counsel for Writ Petitioner, Sri Rama Chandra Rao Gurram, Learned Government Pleader for Higher Education and Sri Vivekananda Virupaksha, Learned Standing Counsel for Respondent No.2.

2. The present Writ Petition is filed seeking the following relief: -

*“It is prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to issue an appropriate writ more in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent Regulatory Commission in not determining the fee structure for the block period 2025-26 for the various courses being offered by the Petitioner-Institution on the ground that the petitioner institution did not pay the processing fee and submitted the data as notified by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent despite the representation made by the Petitioner on 28-09-2025 and further ignoring the fact that the petitioner institution obtained statutory permissions from the academic year 2025-26 as being arbitrary, illegal and violative of Articles 14 and 19 of the Constitution of India and violative of the Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Monitoring and Regulatory Commission Act and Rules Regulations framed therein and consequently, direct the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondents to determine and notify the fee structure for the petitioner institution and issue such other writ or order or direction as deemed fit and proper in the circumstances of case.”*

3. Learned Counsel for Writ Petitioner and Learned Counsel for Respondents had drawn the attention of this Court to the Order passed by the Division Bench of this Court in W.A.No.607 of 2023, dated 21.06.2023. Learned Counsel for all the parties are unanimous that the directions given by the Division Bench of this Court in Paragraph No.13 of its Order dated 21.06.2023 would serve the purpose and based on such directions, the present Writ Petition can be disposed of.

4. Learned Counsel for Writ Petitioner also placed on record another similar Order passed by a Learned Single Bench of this Court in

W.P.No.15200 of 2025, dated 26.06.2025 wherein, it is noticed by this Court that the directions given by the Division Bench have been reproduced in verbatim.

5. Having regard to the directions of the Division Bench, as followed by the Learned Single Judge, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of this Writ Petition in terms of the directions rendered by the learned Single Bench in W.P.No.15200 of 2025 dated 26.06.2025. Accordingly,

i. The petitioner/college is directed to furnish all the data as required by the Commission for fixing the fee for the block period 2025-26 to 2026-27 along with representation (if not submitted) by paying the processing fee with penalty as suggested in the notification within a period of one week from today.

ii. On receipt of the same, the Commission is directed to process the representation of the petitioner, immediately on or before commencement of the upcoming counseling.

iii. The State and the Commission are directed to receive the relevant data submitted by the petitioner/college as per notification dated 30.06.2022 and the Commission shall tentatively fix the fee that can be collected by the college(s), for the courses offered, on par with the minimum fee that is being fixed in the colleges in the State and recommend the same to the State Government in five days.

iv. The said minimum fee fixed, shall be treated as a tentative fee and the correct fee would be fixed by the Commission after due processing of the data submitted by the college.

v. After receiving the request from the Commission, the State Government shall display the petitioner/college in the list of colleges at official website for participating in the upcoming web

counselling in APEAMCET courses for the present Academic Year 2025-26.

vi. The State Government, shall caution the students, taking admission into the courses offered by the colleges, by informing the students that the fee shown in the admission process, which is being collected initially, is a tentative fee and shall be subject to further change depending upon the final fee that would be fixed by the Commission.

vii. The Commission may also consider early fixation of the final fee that can be collected by the college for the block period 2025-26 to 2026-27.

6. With the above directions, the present Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

Miscellaneous petitions, pending, if any, shall stand closed.

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**K. SREENIVASA REDDY, J.**

Date:07.10.2025

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