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

THURSDAY, THE 15th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE HARINATH.N

WRIT PETITION NO: 29974/2026

Between:

1. SRI JAGANNADHASWAMY EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY,, REPRESENTED BY ITS DULY AUTHORIZED SECRETARY CORRESPONDENT, SRI. MUNJI RAMAKRISHNA, C/O SIVUDI NAIDU MADDI PATTABHI RAMA REDDY LAW COLLEGE (M.P.R. LAW COLLEGE), INDIRANAGAR COLONY, KONNA STREET, SRIKAKULAM -532001, ANDHRA PRADESH.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, ANDHRA PRADESH.522238
2. DR B R AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY, , SRIKAKULAM, REPRESENTED BY ITS REGISTRAR, ETCHERLA, SRIKAKULAM - 532410, ANDHRA PRADESH.
3. THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH NEELADRI TOWERS, 6TH BATTALION ROAD MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522503
4. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH REP BY ITS SECRETARY 3RD, 4TH AND 5TH FLOORS, ATMAKURU (VILLAGE) MANGALAGIRI (MANDAL), GUNTUR DISTRICT522503
5. THE CONVENOR, AP LAWCET AND AP PGLCET ADMISSIONS-2026 COMMISSIONERATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION D.NO.11-307, GARUDADRI KK TOWERS SRI LAKSHMI NARASIMHA COLONY MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522503
6. BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA, REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, 21, ROUSE AVENUE INSTITUTIONAL AREA, NEW DELHI - 110002.

...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 action of the 2nd Respondent University in failing to consider and dispose of the explanation and compliance report dated 25-08-2026 submitted by the Petitioner Institution in response to the show-cause notice dated 11-08-2026, and in not taking a reasoned decision on affiliation for the academic year 2026-27

before conclusion of the relevant admission counselling stages, with consequential exclusion of the Petitioner Institution from the AP LAWCET 2026 counselling process, as arbitrary, illegal, unreasonable and violative of Articles 14 and 19(1)(g) of the Constitution of India and the principles of natural justice, and consequently direct the 2nd Respondent University to consider the explanation, supporting compliance documents, and to determine forthwith the Petitioners entitlement to affiliation

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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 the 2nd Respondent University to forthwith consider the Petitioner Institution's explanation and compliance report dated 25-08-2026 submitted in response to the show cause notice dated 11-08-2026 and forthwith grant affiliation, pending disposal of the Writ Petition,

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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 maybe lease it to direct the Respondent authorities to consider the Petitioner Institution for inclusion in the second-phase AP LAWCET 2026 counselling, pending disposal of the Writ Petition, and pass such

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. SRI VIJAY MATHUKUMILLI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
2. K RADHIKA

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

1. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is an Educational Society running a Law College and imparting three-year and five-year LL.B. courses. It is submitted that the respondent No.2 conducted an inspection in May 2026 and, thereafter, issued a show-cause notice dated 11.08.2026, calling upon the petitioner to comply with the observations mentioned therein.
2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner submitted a reply on 25.08.2026 and is awaiting further orders regarding the grant of affiliation for admitting students to the three-year and five-year LL.B. courses for the ensuing academic year. It is submitted that the first phase of counselling has been completed and that the second phase of counselling is tentatively scheduled to be held in the third week of October 2026. It is further submitted that, despite the inspection of the petitioner-college, the respondent No.2 took more than three months to issue the show-cause notice and is acting at the behest of certain vested interests, thereby delaying the passing of appropriate orders on the petitioner's representation and reply.
3. It is further submitted that, though the petitioner submitted its reply on 25.08.2026, the respondent No.2 has not passed any orders thereon till date. The petitioner apprehends that the respondent No.2 may further

delay the passing of appropriate orders beyond the scheduled dates of web-counselling.

4. Sri B. Raj Kiran, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent No.2, submits that the respondent No.2 shall pass appropriate orders on the reply submitted by the petitioner within a period of three weeks.
5. Considering the submissions made, the writ petition is disposed of directing the respondent No.2 to consider the reply submitted by the petitioner to the show-cause notice dated 11.08.2026 and pass appropriate orders expeditiously, preferably before the commencement of the second phase of web-counselling.
6. With the above observation, the 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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JUSTICE HARINATH.N

Date : 15.10.2026

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