# IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH :: AMARAVATI

TUESDAY, THE TWENTY SIXTH DAY OF NOVEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FOUR

#### PRESENT

# THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE G.NARENDAR AND

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE T.C.D.SEKHAR WRIT APPEAL Nos. 521, 522, 523 and 524 OF 2024

# WRIT APPEAL NO: 521 OF 2024

Writ Appeal under clause 15 of the Letters Patent the common order dated 06.03.2024 in W.P.No.17099 of 2023 and W.P.No.9133 of 2023 on the file of the High Court.

#### Between:

- Acharya Nagarjuna University, Represented by its Registrar, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
- 2. The Vice-Chancellor, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510 Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
- 3. The Finance Officer, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510 Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
- 4. The Rector, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
- The Principal, ANU College of Arts, Commerce and Law, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
- 6. The Head of the Department, Department of History and Archaeology, ANU College of Arts, Commerce and Law, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.

...Appellants/Respondents 2 to 6

#### AND

 Dr Nallaboyina Saibabu, S/o Punnaiah, Age 52 years, Occ Teaching Faculty, Occ Teaching Faculty, Department of History and Archaeology, ANU College of Arts, Commerce and Law, Acharya Nagarjuna University, R/o. 18-01 -6, 2nd Lane, Koritipadu, Guntur City, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.

# ...Respondent/Writ Petitioner

- The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati.
- The University Grants Commission (UGC), Rep. by its Secretary and CVO, O/o UGC Office, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg New Delhi-110002. (Respondents 2 & 3 herein are formal parties to this Writ Appeal)

...Respondents/Respondents 1 & 8

#### IA NO: 1 OF 2024

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 order Dt.06.03.2024 of the learned single judge in W.P.No.17099 of 2023, pending disposal of the above writ appeal.

Counsel for the Appellants: SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PLEADER I
Counsel for the Respondent No.1: SRI DEVALARAJU ANIL KUMAR
Counsel for the Respondent Nos.2 & 3:----

# WRIT APPEAL NO: 522 OF 2024

Writ Appeal under clause 15 of the Letters Patent to against the common order dated 07.05.2024 in W.P.No.8980 of 2024 on the file of the High Court.

#### Between:

- Acharya Nagarjuna University, Represented by its Registrar, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510 Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
- 2. The Vice-Chancellor, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510 Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.

- 3. The Finance Officer, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510 Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
- 4. The Rector, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510 Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
- The Principal, ANU College of Arts, Commerce and Law, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
- The Head of the Department, Department of Human Resource Management, ANU College of Arts, Commerce and Law, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.

# ...Appellants/Respondents 2 to 6

#### AND

- Dr Madhu Babu Kavala, S/o Yesu Dasu, Age 44 years, Occ Teaching Faculty, Department of Human Resource Management, ANU College of Arts, Commerce and Law, Acharya Nagarjuna University, R/o 2-39, Gangavaram Post, Inkolku Mandal, Bapatla District, Pin-532167, AP.
  - ...Respondent/Writ Petitioner
- The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati.

(Respondent 2 herein is formal party to this writ appeal)

...Respondent/Respondent No.1

# IA NO: 2 OF 2024

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 order Dt.07.05.2024 of the learned single judge in W.P.No.8980 of 2024, pending disposal of the above writ appeal.

Counsel for the Appellants: SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PLEADER I
Counsel for the Respondent No.1: SRI DEVALARAJU ANIL KUMAR
Counsel for the Respondent Nos.2:----

### WRIT APPEAL NO: 523 OF 2024

Writ Appeal under clause 15 of the Letters Patent against the common order dated 06.03.2024 W.P.No.17099 of 2023 and W.P.No.9133 of 2023 on the file of the High Court.

#### Between:

- Acharya Nagarjuna University, Represented by its Registrar, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
- 2. The Vice-Chancellor, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510 Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
- 3. The Finance Officer, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510 Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
- 4. The Rector, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
- 5. The Principal, University College, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510 Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
- The Head of the Department, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University College, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.

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#### AND

Madduluri Mastan Rao, S/o Narasimham, Occ Guest Faculty,
 Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University
 College, Acharya Nagarjuna University, R/o 4-476, Pottiseeramulu
 Street, Pedakakani-522509, Guntur, AP.

...Respondent/Writ Petitioner

- The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati.
- The University Grants Commission (UGC), Rep. by its Secretary and CVO, O/o UGC Office, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg New Delhi-110002. (Respondents 2 and 3 herein are formal parties to this writ appeal)

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### IA NO: 1 OF 2024

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 order Dt.06.03.2024 of the learned single judge in W.P.No.9133 of 2023, pending disposal of the above writ appeal.

Counsel for the Appellants: SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PLEADER I
Counsel for the Respondent No.1: SRI DEVALARAJU ANIL KUMAR
Counsel for the Respondent Nos.2 & 3:----

# WRIT APPEAL NO: 524 OF 2024

Writ Appeal under clause 15 of the Letters Patent against the common order dated 07.05.2024 in W.P.No.9056 of 2024 on the file of the High Court.

#### Between:

- Acharya Nagarjuna University, Represented by its Registrar, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510 Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
- 2. The Vice-Chancellor, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510 Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
- 3. The Finance Officer, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
- 4. The Rector, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.

- 5. The Principal, University College, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
- The Head of the Department, Department of Environmental Sciences, ANU College of Sciences, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar-522510, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.

...Appellants/Respondents 2 to 6

#### AND

 Dr. Karem Sasidhar, S/o Chitti Babu, Age 45 years, Occ Teaching Faculty, Department of Environmental Sciences, ANU College of Sciences, Acharya Nagarjuna University, R/o 5-42, Near Sivalayam, Kaza, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, AP

...Respondent/Writ Petitioner

 The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati.

(Respondent 2 herein is formal party to this writ appeal)

...Respondent/Respondent No.1

# IA NO: 2 OF 2024

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 order Dt.07.05.2024 of the learned single judge in W.P.No.9056 of 2024, pending disposal of the above writ appeal.

Counsel for the Appellants: SRI. SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PLEADER I Counsel for the Respondent No.1: SRI DEVALARAJU ANIL KUMAR Counsel for the Respondent No.2:---

The Court made the following: COMMON JUDGMENT

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE G.NARENDAR

# AND HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE T.C.D. SEKHAR WRIT APPEAL Nos.521, 522, 523 and 524 of 2024 COMMON JUDGMENT:- (per Hon'ble Sri Justice G.Narendar)

- Heard the learned counsel for the appellant-University and the learned counsel for the respondents.
- 2. The facts are not in dispute.
- 3. After hearing for some time, the learned counsel for the respondent on being pointed out the U.G.C. guidelines along with the material papers in the Writ Petition would submit that the Writ Appeals could be disposed of by directing the University to strictly abide by the guidelines, dated 28.01.2019, issued by the University Grants Commission (U.G.C.).
- 4. He further contends that the terms of employment of Guest Faculty be in terms of the U.G.C. guidelines noted *supra*.
- 5. The learned counsel for the appellant-University would also submit that the University is now following the guidelines

- issued by the U.G.C. and would also follow the guidelines that may be issued by the U.G.C from time to time in matters relating to appointment, continuation and removal of Guest Faculty and also with regard to the payment of honorarium to the Guest Faculty.
- In the light of the submissions made by the both the 6. counsels, the order impugned requires to be set-aside and is accordingly, set-aside.
- The Writ Appeals are disposed of by placing on record the 7. submission of the learned counsels.
- The parties shall strictly abide by the representations made 8. to this Court. It is needless to say that the U.G.C. being the authority competent in the matters of stipulation of qualification, eligibility and salary in respect of the teaching faculty in Universities, it goes without saying that the parties shall strictly abide by the same.
- Accordingly, the Writ Appeals are disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

Sd/- P.VENKATA RAMANA JOINT\REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

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To,

- 1. The Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education, State of Andhra Pradesh, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati.
- The Secretary and CVO, University Grants Commission (UGC), O/o UGC Office, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg New Delhi-110002.
- 3. Two CC's to Special Government Pleader I, High Court of A.P. at Amaravati[OPUC]
- 4. One CC to Sri Devalaraju Anil Kumar, Advocate [OPUC]
- 5. Three CD Copies.

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GN,J & TCDS,J

DATED:26/11/2024



COMMON JUDGMENT
WA.Nos.521, 522, 523 & 524 of 2024

# DISPOSING OF THE WRIT APPEALS WITHOUT COSTS