

**WP(PIL) NO: 47 of 2023**

Keethineedi Akhil Sri Guru Teja

...Petitioner

Vs.

The State Of Andhra Pradesh and Others

...Respondent(s)

Advocate for Petitioner:

Mr. G. Arun Showri

Advocate(s) for Respondent(s):

Mrs. S. Pranathi, Spcl. Govt. Pleader

**CORAM : THE CHIEF JUSTICE DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR
SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI****DATE : 21st July 2025****P C :**

Pursuant to our order, dated 16.07.2025, wherein some of the reports in regard to some of the hostels in various districts were highlighted with regard to the deficiencies which were noticed, we had required the presence of the Chief Secretary of the State of Andhra Pradesh to join through the virtual mode.

It is stated that in the interregnum between the filing of the report and the present date, improvements have been made with regard to the physical infrastructure of the hostels as also the amenities which are being provided therein. With regard to the girls' hostels, as pointed in our order, dated 16.07.2025, it is stated that as on the date of inspection by the officers of District Legal Service Authority, some of the toilets and bathrooms were under repair, which have since been made workable and are currently in use.

Therefore, the position as it existed on the date of filing of the report in regard to Narsipatnam may not be the same as on date.

Yet, it is stated that efforts will be made and an action plan will be prepared, according to which the scheme as is otherwise required will be implemented as per the guidelines of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights in its letter and spirit.

On the issue of providing floor mattresses, it is admitted by the Chief Secretary that no such mattresses are provided and that only a *dhari* is provided. However, as per the guidelines, a mattress is required to be provided one at the time of admission of the child, and one every year thereafter. This is one of the basic needs of a child, apart from the other infrastructure which is required to be provided.

Besides this, the status report, which is undertaken to be filed by the respondents, should also deal with the improvements with regard to the items which are otherwise required to be furnished and provided to the children in accordance with the regulations. Regular checks are required to be undertaken by the senior level officers in every district with a view to ensure that the scheme is implemented in its letter and spirit. The names of the officers, and the periodicity in which the inspections are conducted by them, shall also be furnished to this Court on a monthly basis.

Let a detailed status report be furnished in this regard.

List on 20.08.2025.

DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR, CJ

RAVI CHEEMALAPATI, J

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