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Case No: CCPD-AD-0090/2026

In the Matter of

Complainant

Ms. Haseena K.

Versus

Respondent(s)

1. The Additional Secretary, D/o Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)
2. The Registrar, Central University of Andhra Pradesh
3. The State Nodal Officer, Andhra Pradesh

1. Hearing

1.1. A preliminary hearing was conducted on 14.07.2026 in hybrid mode, wherein the following parties/representatives were present:

Sl. No.	Name of the Parties / Representatives	On Behalf of
1.	Mr. Kazim P.	Complainant
2.	Shri Sandeep Kumar, Under Secy	Respondent 1
3.	Prof. Shri S.B. Kivade, Registrar	Respondent 2
4.	Representative of Scholarship Dept.	Respondent 2

2. Record of Proceedings

2.1 During the proceedings, the Complainant, Ms. Haseena K, a student with 100% visual impairment pursuing B.A. (Hons.) Political Science at the Central University of Andhra Pradesh, reiterated that her application under the Post-Matric

Scholarship Scheme for Students with Disabilities through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) had been rejected with the remark "documents are fake." The Complainant submitted that all documents furnished in support of her scholarship application were genuine and issued by the competent authorities. She contended that neither the concerned authorities nor the portal specified which document had allegedly been found to be fake, thereby depriving her of any opportunity to clarify or rectify the alleged deficiency. It was further submitted that despite approaching the NSP authorities, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), and raising grievances through the prescribed grievance mechanism, no clear explanation was provided. The Complainant also pointed out that the same State Nodal Officer had initially verified and approved her application on 29.11.2025, but subsequently rejected it on 16.02.2026 with the remark that the documents were fake, without assigning any reasons, causing her to lose the scholarship for the academic year despite no fault on her part.

2.2 The Respondent No. 2, represented by the Registrar, Central University of Andhra Pradesh, submitted that the University had duly verified the Complainant's documents as the Institute Nodal Officer (INO) and forwarded the application through the National Scholarship Portal in accordance with the prescribed procedure. It was stated that the portal reflected that the application had been verified and approved by the State Nodal Officer on 29.11.2025. However, on 16.02.2026, the application status changed to "permanently rejected" with the remark that the "documents are fake." The Respondent clarified that the University had not identified any discrepancy in the Complainant's documents and was itself unaware as to which document had allegedly been found to be fake. It was further submitted that despite making efforts to obtain clarification from the concerned authorities, no specific reasons were communicated, and the University had advised the Complainant to pursue the matter with the concerned department.

2.3 The representative of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) submitted that the scholarship application is initially verified by the Institute Nodal Officer (INO) and thereafter examined by the State Nodal Officer (SNO). It was clarified that the rejection of the Complainant's application had been made by the State Nodal Officer, and DEPwD was not informed as to which document had been treated as fake. The Respondent submitted that unless the State Nodal Officer approves the application, DEPwD is unable to process or release the scholarship under the Scheme.

2.4 Upon hearing the submissions of all parties, the Court observed that the

principal issue in the present matter is the absence of any specific disclosure regarding the document allegedly found to be fake. The Court noted that neither the Complainant, the University, nor the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities was able to identify the basis on which the State Nodal Officer rejected the scholarship application. The Court observed that without ascertaining the precise document or deficiency forming the basis of rejection, it would not be possible to effectively adjudicate the grievance or determine whether the rejection was justified.

2 . 5 Accordingly, the Court recommended that the State Nodal Officer (SNO) concerned be impleaded as a necessary party in the proceedings and be called upon to explain the reasons for rejecting the Complainant's scholarship application. The State Nodal Officer shall specifically clarify which document was found to be fake, the basis for such conclusion, and the reasons for reversing the earlier verification and approval of the application. The matter shall thereafter be listed for further hearing upon receipt of the requisite submissions within 7 days from the date of this order.

3. This is issued with the approval of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.

(Vikas Trivedi)
Dy. Chief Commissioner