

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI**MAIN CASE No.: W.P.No.2633 of 2023****PROCEEDING SHEET**

Sl. No	DATE	ORDER	
	06.02.2023	<u>DR, J</u> This Writ Petition is filed aggrieved by the action of the respondents in not treating petitioner as eligible candidate to participate in the 66th School Games Federation of Andhra Pradesh Inter District Tournaments 2022-2023 under 17 age group and other similar sports meets on the ground that he is studying in Industrial Training Institute(I.T.I) course 1st year but not 12th standard as illegal and arbitrary. During hearing, learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the respondents refused to allow the petitioner as eligible candidate to participate in the 66th School Games Federation of Andhra Pradesh Inter District Tournaments 2022-23 under 17 age group level on the ground that he is studying in Industrial Training Institute(I.T.I) course 1st year but not regular academic. He further submits that Indira Gandhi National Open University(IGNOU) addressed a letter dated 26.08.2022 to Secretary, Ministry of Skill	

		Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, New Delhi thereby confirming that “Two year National Trade Certificate(after 20th standard) in the trade of Draftsman(Civil) and other similar courses awarded by National Council for Vocational Training, Government of India, covering four subjects is recognized as equivalent to +2 level for purpose of direct admission to IGNOU’s under-graduate programmes. Hence, two year regular ITI Course ought to have considered as equivalent to 12th standard as such, the petitioner is absolutely eligible for participated in “State Level Weight Lifting” even under 17 age group from Prakasam District. It is an admitted fact that after completing the 10th class, the petitioner has joined in ITI Course. Hence, considering the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, the respondents are directed to treat the petitioner as eligible candidate to participate in the 66th School Games Federation of Andhra Pradesh Inter District Tournaments 2022-23 under 17 age group and other similar sports, pending further orders. Post after four(4) weeks. DR, J TM	
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