



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Reserved on: 13-03-2026

Pronounced on: 26-03-2026

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**THE HONOURABLE DR. JUSTICE G. JAYACHANDRAN
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SHAMIM AHMED**

W.P.No.18395 of 2023, W.P.No.9202 of 2023, W.P.No.25871 of 2022,
W.P.No.26126 of 2022, W.P.No.27784 of 2022, W.P.No.21034 of 2023

AND

W.M.P.No.17605 of 2023, W.M.P.No.20407 of 2023, W.M.P.No.24951 of 2022,
W.M.P.No.25206 of 2022, W.M.P.No.27082 of 2022, W.M.P.No.9325 of 2023,
W.M.P.No.17606 of 2023, W.M.P.No.20408 of 2023, WMP No.8000 of 2026

W.P.No.18395 of 2023

S.Kokith,
S/o. Sanmugasundaram,
No.264, Kulathupalayam,
M.Pitariyur Post, Sennimalai,
Erode District.

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Principal Secretary To Government
Higher Education Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai-600 009.

2.The Principal Secretary to Government
Health And Family Welfare Department,
Fort St.George,
Chennai-600 009.

3.The Director of Medical Education,
DME, No.16, Periar EVR High Road,
Kilpauk,
Chennai-600 010.

4.The Registrar,
Annamalai University,
Annamalai Nagar,
Chidambaram,
Tamil Nadu - 608 002.



5.The Dean,
Government Medical College And Hospital,
Cuddalore District,
(Formerly Rajah Muthiah Medical College And Hospital),
Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram,
Tamil Nadu - 608 002.

6.The Registrar,
Tamil Nadu Dr.MGR Medical University,
Guindy,
Chennai – 600 032.

... Respondents

Prayer in W.P.No.18395 of 2023: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records relating to the impugned G.O.issued by the 1st respondent bearing G.O.Ms.No.204 Higher Education (H1) Department, dated 26.10.2021 and quash the same in so far as it relates to clause 3 (iii) and consequently direct the respondent to receive the fees from the petitioner in accordance with the Fees Structure fixed in G.O.Ms.No.45, Health and family Welfare (MCA-2) Department, dated 01.02.2021.

	For Petitioner(s)	For Respondent(s)
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W.P.No.9202 of 2023

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3.P.Arafiya Ashraf,
D/o.Mohamed Ashraf,
Chennai.

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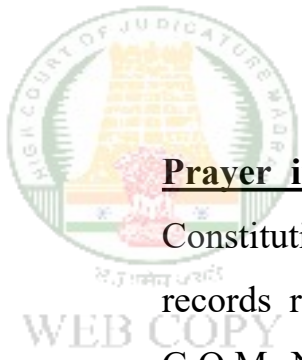
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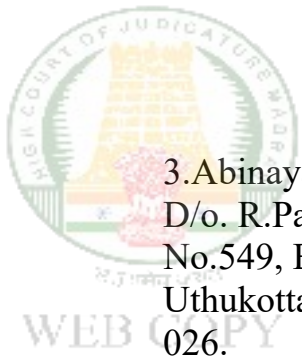
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9.Archana P,
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11.Ashifa S,
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12. Ashok M,
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19. EdisonsamS
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D/o.Kaleelur Rahman A,
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Kavalsthalam, Kulasekharam,
Kanyakumari District -629 161.

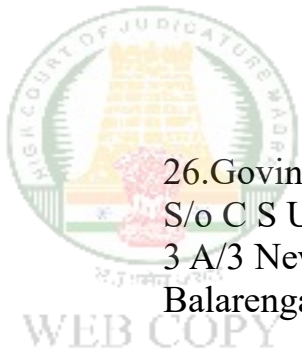
21.Gayatri Mani Nair,
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2B1, Artech Futura, Anayara P O,
Trivandrum, Pin code -695 029.

22.Geethapriya J
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23.Gokul Hari Kumar.R
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Tirunelveli - 627 011.

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Paramakudi,
Ramanathapuram - 623 707.



26.Govindha C.U.
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Balarengapuram, Madurai – 625 009.

27.Hanudarshan T,
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Maharajapuram,
Villupuram - 605 602.

28.Hari Surya.R
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29. Haridev.R
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Cumbum, Theni - 625 516.

30.Harish R
S/o.Ravi K,
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Karur - 639 004.

31.Harishma M,
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Kenikkarai Bus Stop, Ramnad - 623 504.

32. Rhyen Chelseha D
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Tenkasi-627 806.

33. Harshanaa R,
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Chennai - 600 037.

34. Hemaprasath M,



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Karaikudi-630 002.

35. Irfana A
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36. Janani N,
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37. Jayavelan R
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Melakadayanallur,
Tenkasi (Dt) – 627 751.

38. Jeevabalan.C,
S/o.Chandramohan M,
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Krishnagiri - 635 001.



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Erode - 638 459.

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Manamelkudi,
Pudukottai - 614 616.

46. Kavibharathi S,
D/o.Subbaiyan,
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48. Kayalvizhi B,
D/o. Chellathal.B,
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Oddanchatram,
Dindigul-624619.

49. Kiran K
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S. Vellalapatti, Karur-639 004.



50. Kowshek K
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51. Kurinji Malar S.P.
D/o. K.Pari,
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52. Lavanya B
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53. Lavanya S
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Vadalur, Cuddalore - 607 303.

54. Lavanya Vadivel
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55. Leenasre. T,
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Chinnathirupathy, Salem - 636 008.

56. Logeetha M,
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30/3 Reserve line new police quarters,
Madurai.

57. Madhumeena. S,
D/o. K Sethuraman,
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Chennai -600 088.

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D/o.Srinivasan M,



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DAE Township, Kalpakkam - 603 102.

59. MahmoodhaThasneema Fathima M
D/o.Mohamed Khan M,
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60. Mana Seeka. M,
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61. Manikandan T
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Perambalur District-621 106.

62. Medhya K.G.
D/o. Gothandaraman,
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63. Mega L S,
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Attur, Salem District.

64. Meghala S,
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Neyveli - 607 801.

65. Miruthula. T,
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66. Monisha Kiran I,
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67. Muzammil Ahamed Shah,
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68.Mridhula Shree M,
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Tirunelveli District -627 401.

69. Muhammed Yaseen P.N.
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Ernakulam, Kerala-686 691.

70. Nagamani S,
S/o. Sivakumar,
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Pattukkottai.

71. M.Neththa Dolly Grace M,
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Sangamangalam,
Manamadurai,
Sivagangai District - 630 606.

72. Nidhi B,
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73. Nithya Venkatesan
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74. Nivetha A.S.
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75. Nivetha M,
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Kelambakkam, IT Highway,
Chennai – 603 103.

78. Pooja U,
D/o.Maheswari,
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Kunnam,
Villupuram - 604 304.

79. Pranav R
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Thuraiyur, Trichy.

80. Prasanna Yegneshwar M,
S/o.Deivanai,
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Chithnur, Salem - 636 302.

81. S.Priya,
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82. Ragul Prasath S
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Namakkal(Dt)-637 302.



83. Rahul K
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Salem - 636 030.

84. Raja Vignesh R R
S/o. R. Ravi,
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Basthi, Hosur – 635 109.

85. Raksha A,
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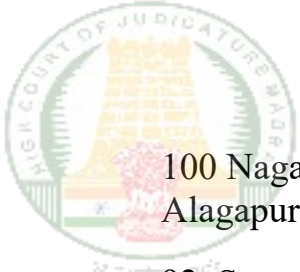
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88. Roshni T,
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90. Sakshi Goyal,
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91. Sakthi Samyukta P,
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92. Sangeeth P,
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93. Sankaran. S,
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Villupuram -605 602.

94. Saravanan C,
S/o. Chinnakuppan. M,
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Thiruttani - 631 209.

95. Sathya Narayanan S,
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459/41, HIG, TNHB, Thamarai Nagar,
Thiruvannamalai.

96. Selva Priya J.P,
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Chennai - 600 028.

97. Selvalakshmi L,
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Madurai - 625 007.

98. Senthilnathan R,
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Namakkal - 637 003.

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100. Sharmila V,
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101. Sheshan N,
S/o. M.Nagarajan,
6/220, ChinnaMayakulam,
Kilakarai, Ramanathapuram District - 623 515.

102. Shivani Sharadha,
D/o.S S Subramanian,
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Chennai -600 091.

103. Shivaram Ganesh M.S.
S/o G N Meenakshi Sundaram,
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Kodambakkam, Chennai-24.

104. Siddarth Sakya A,
S/o.Periyasamy Sakya,
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Trichy -620 003.

105. Sinalin Anisha A,
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Thoothukudi - 628 656.

106. Sindhu G.B,
D/o. Bhoopathi G U,
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Washermenpet, Chennai - 600 021.

107. Sindhu M,
D/o. Mahendran C,



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Pennagaram Taluk,
Dharmapuri District -636 813.

108. Sneka C

D/o. M. Chelliah Thiyagarajanagar,
Tirunelveli - 627 011.

109. Sneka Lakshmi A S,
D/o Ashok Kumar,
A3/1 TNPHC, Near Railway Station,
Muthuvinayagar Koil Street,
Thiruvannamalai.

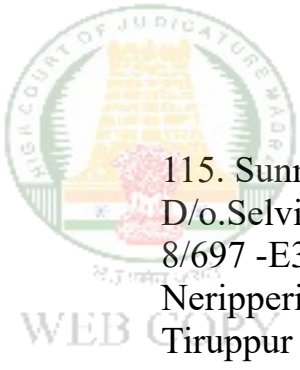
110. Sowmiya N,
D/o. Nagaraju K,
No.4647, Arokiya Madhakoil,
West Street, Madhakottai,
Thanjavur - 613 005.

111. Srihari V G,
S/o.Venkatachalam,
C2/41, MasimalayanKovil Street,
Sendamangalam,
Bommachamuthiram,
Namakkal District - 637 409.

112. Sudhagar. S,
S/o.Saminathan G,
So-26,Near Court,
Mettur Dam, Salem – 636 401.

113. Sudhakar. P,
S/o.Maheshwari,
KalliyoorKaatuvalavu,
Periyasoragai (po),
Mettur Taluk, Salem - 636 502.

114. Suncibiya.C,
D/o.Chellaiah.T,
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Madurai - 625 532.



115. Sunmathi S,
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Tiruppur - 641 602.

116. Swanika A,
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Srirengapuram,
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117. Swathi N,
D/o.Nandagopal B,
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Ayathur, Thiruvallur - 602 024.

118. Swathi P,
D/o.Pitchai K,
9, Vaigai Vadakarai,
Kannivadi Mandapam (backside),
Madurai-625 002.

119. Swetha.S,
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120.Tamil Selvan R
S/o. P.Ravi,
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Ambattur, Chennai - 600 053.

121. Thilakesh Vijay V,
S/o. Vijayarani S,
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S/o. Veerasekar. K,



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Pallipalayam (p.o),
Namakkal - 638 008.

123. Thanvisree N,
D/o.Vanitha Nirmal,
B27,TNHB Quarters,
Ezhil Nagar, Kannankurchi,
Salem - 636 008.

124. Tharani G B,
D/o.Balasubramaniam N,
1/149 Puthur, Veerachipalayam,
Sankari, Salem - 637 303.

125. Uthera A,
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Kurinjpadi Taluk, Neyveli - 607 308.

126. Uthra R.S.
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Sivagiripatti, Palani-624 601.

127. Vaishali V
D/o.Veeradurai.P,
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128. Vaishnavi V.B.
D/o.Balrajan,
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129. Varshini.S
D/o.Sivakumar K,
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130. Vasanth C,
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Madurai - 625 003.

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133. Vishnuvarthan M,
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Ayakudi, Palani - 624 613.

134. Viswa.V
S/o.Venkatesan.P,
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135. Viyas. G,
S/o. Govindaraju. K,
268/2, Ondikkadai,
E.M.Palayam (PO), Rasipuram(Tk),
Namakkal - 636 202.

136. Yashwanthika.J,
D/o.Jayakumar.N,
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Chennai - 600 044.

138. Mohammed Shaniz B,
S/o. Abdul Nazeer
ManathanThodiHouse, MorayurPost,
Malappuram District,
Kerala - 673 642.



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S/o. K.Suresh,
Plot No.20, F2, Sai Raksha Apartments,
2nd Street, Raj Paris Nagar, SBI Colony,
Chitlapakkam, Chennai-600 064.

... Petitioners

Vs.

1. The Government of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Secretary to Government,
Higher Education Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai-600 009

2.The Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu,
Health and Family Welfare Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai-600 009.

3.The Tamil Nadu Dr.MGR Medical University
Rep. by its Registrar,
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Chennai-600 032.

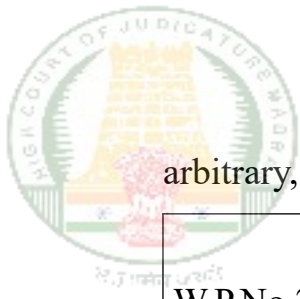
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162, Periyar E.V.R. High Road
Kilpauk, Chennai-600 010.

5.Annamalai University
Rep. by its Registrar,
Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram-608 002,
Cuddalore District.

6.Government Medical College and Hospital
Cuddalore District
(Previously known as Rajah Muthiah Medical College and Hospital),
Rep. by its Dean,
Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram,
Cuddalore District-608 002.

... Respondents

Prayer in W.P.No.25871 of 2022: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorari, calling for the records of the 1st Respondent contained in Impugned G.O.Ms.No.204 dated 26.10.2021 and the consequent Tuition Fee Notice bearing Notice No.T2/2022 dated 25.08.2022 issued by the 6th Respondent herein, quash the same as unconstitutional,



arbitrary, unjust and illegal.

	For Petitioner(s)	For Respondent(s)
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W.P.No.26126 of 2022

1. Hari Prasaath
S/o. Ravikumar. G,
2. AnanthaKumar.N, (Male, Aged 20 Yrs)
S/o. Narasimhan.S,
3. Sivaramakumar. S, (Male, Aged 22 Yrs)
S/o.Subramanian. E,
4. PeriyarVenmani. D, (Male, Aged 22 Yrs)
S/o.Dhanaraj. E,
5. Sangameshwaran. S, (Male, Aged 22 Yrs)
S/o. Senthilkumar. G,
6. Harinidharan. K, (Male, Aged 22 Yrs)
S/o. Kalaigan,
7. Narendran. S, (Male, Aged 21 Yrs)
S/o. Selvam. A,
8. Balaganesh. M, (Male, Aged 22 Yrs)
S/o. Muthukumar,



9. Sudharshan. R, (Male, Aged 22 Yrs)
S/o. Rajkumar. G,
10. Vijay. K, (Male, Aged 22 Yrs)
S/o. Kaliappan. M,
11. PaarthaSarathy. R, (Male, Aged 21 Yrs)
S/o. GomathiJayam.
12. Harish. K, (Male, Aged 21 Yrs)
S/o. Karuppaiah. R,
13. Barath Kumar. R, (Male, Aged 22 Yrs)
S/o. Rameshkumar. P,
14. Gunavel. M, (Male, Aged 21 Yrs)
S/o. Mayilarasan. S,
15. Sivasuriyan. G, (Male, Aged 21 Yrs)
S/o. Govindaswamy. M,
16. Thamodaran. D, (Male, Aged 21 Yrs)
S/o. Dhamayanithi,
17. Joe Jeffrin. R, (Male, Aged 21 Yrs)
S/o. Vincent Ratna Sahaya Joe,
18. Amaran. S, (Male, Aged 21 Yrs)
S/o.Surendran.S,
19. Aanand. M, (Male, Aged 21 Yrs)
S/o. Murugasan.N,
20. Beslin George. A.J, (Male, Aged 22 Yrs)
S/o. Allen Gnana Raj,
21. Karthikraja. S, (Male, Aged 22 Yrs)
S/o. Gomathi. P,
22. Sarveswaran. V, (Male, Aged 20 Yrs),
S/o. Velumani. R,
23. Tharun. K, (Male, Aged 20 Yrs)
S/o. Kothandaraman. B,
24. Karthickraja. A, (Male, Aged 21 Yrs),



S/o. Annadurai. R,

25. Sureshkumar. S, (Male, Aged 20 Yrs),

S/o. Sundaram. P,

26. Nisithpravee. M, (Male, Aged 22 Yrs),

S/o. Moorthi. N,

27. Abimanyu. E, (Male, Aged 22 Yrs)

S/o. Elangovan. V,

28. Thejeshwar. B, (Male, Aged 22 Yrs),

S/o. Boopathy. S,

29. Sujay Rajhen, (Male, Aged 21 Yrs)

S/o. Ramesh. G,

30. Gowsik Sailesh. Ka, (Male, Aged 21 Yrs)

S/o. Kannan. S.M,

31. Arunachalesh. A, (Male, Aged 22 Yrs)

S/o. Anathasakthivel. P

32. Thirukkumaran. G, (Male, Aged 22 Yrs)

S/o. Gobi. D,

33. Abdullah Ayiz, (Male, Aged 22 Yrs)

S/o. Abdussamad,

34. Revanth. J, (Male, Aged 21 Yrs)

S/o. Jagathees Kumar. E,

35. Kishore. T, (Male, Aged 20 Yrs)

S/o. Padma.T,

36. Godson J Nihil, (Male, Aged 22yrs)

S/o. Jeeva Jeya Rajan,

37. AnbuBrynold. P, (Male, Aged 21yrs)

S/o. Sumathi. A,

38. Subash Chandran.C, (Male, Aged 21yrs)

S/o. Chandra Sekar.A,

39.SivanathaKiran.V, (Male, Aged 21yrs)

S/o. Valamathi,



40. Sriram.J, (Male, Aged 21yrs)
S/o. Janarthanan.B,

41. Ramalingam.M, (Male, Aged 21 Yrs)
S/o.Madheswaran,

42. AbilashGnanam, (Male, Aged 22 Yrs)
S/o.Gnanasekaran.M.R,

43. Charanyan.S, (Male, Aged 22 Yrs)
S/o. Hema.G,

44. Hariharan.R, (Male, Aged 21 Yrs)
S/o. Raja.K.C,

45. Gurumoorthy.R, (Male, Aged 21 Yrs)
S/o. Raja.S,

46. Prabakaran.K, (Male, Aged 22 Yrs)
S/o. Karnan.V,

47. Mukesh.P, (Male, Aged 21 Yrs)
S/o.Palanisamy.K,

48. Vikram.S, (Male, Aged 21 Yrs)
S/o. Sadasivam.

49. Jeyaganeshkumar.A, (Male, Aged 22yrs)
S/o. Arumugan.P,

50. Kasinathan.V, (Male, Aged 22 Yrs)
S/o. Virumandy.N,

51. Yashwaant.L.R, (Male, Aged 22 Yrs)
S/o. Shanmugapriya.G,

52. Shaktheedar.J, (Male, Aged 21 Yrs)
S/o. Jayaraj,

53. Shiyam Chandar.P,(Male, Aged 20 Yrs)
S/o. Prabakaran.J,

54. Amirtharaj.S, (Male, Aged 21 Yrs)
S/o. Amarajothi.S,

55. Naveenkumar.S, (Male, Aged 21 Yrs)
S/o. Shanmugam. P,



56. Faizuddin.M, (Male, Aged 21 Yrs)
S/o. Mohammed Sadik.S,

57. Roshini.B, (Female, Aged 22 Yrs)
D/o. Bailey Aldrin Ashokkmuar.P,

58. AswiyaBegum.R, (Female, Aged 22 Yrs)
D/o. RahamadhBaig.H.B,

59. Anusha.S, (Female, Aged 20 Yrs)
D/o. Sarangan.V,

60. Shyamala.N, (Female, Aged 21 Yrs)
D/o. Natarajan,

61. Nivedha.S, (Female, Aged 20 Yrs)
D/o. Sundar.K,

62. Hemapreethi.S, (Female, Aged 21 Yrs)
D/o. Shanmugavel,

63. PandiThilagam.P, (Female, Aged 21 Yrs)
D/o. Pandi Ammal,

64. Keerthana.D, (Female, Aged 21 Yrs)
D/o. DheenaDayalan.S,

65. Deepika.M, (Female, Aged 21 Yrs)
D/o. Selvi.M,

66. Harini.D, (Female, Aged 21 Yrs)
D/o. Dilli.D,

67. Aruna.T, (Female, Aged 20 Yrs)
D/o. Thanavel.R,

68. Kousalya.D.N, (Female, Aged 21 Yrs)
D/o. Nalini Damadaran,

69. Priyadharshini.S, (Female, Aged 21 Yrs)
D/o. Settu.C,

70. Suvathi.V, (Female, Aged 21 Yrs)
D/o. Vaidynathan.T,

71. Garvin Ahalya. A.P, (Female, Aged 21 Yrs)



D/o. Selvarani. C,

72. Jana Sruthi Nivedha, (Female, Aged 21 Yrs)

D/o. Pandian. R,

73. Huzaifa, (Female, Aged 22 Yrs)

D/o. Mohamed Iqbal Sheik. S,

74. Thamizhkodi.T,

D/o. Thamizhazhagan,

75. Sruthi. S,

D/o. Sankarasubramanian,

76. Gokul Shree. P,

D/o. Premavalli.K,

77. Shruti. R,

D/o. Ramesh,

78. Monica Devi. S,

D/o. Sakkari. M,

79. Kanishkadevi. K

D/o. Karantharaj. S,

80. Deepika Devi. R,

D/o. Ramaraj. V,

81. Isai Aruvi. T,

D/o. Thamizhendhi. A.M,

82. Karnisha. J.K,

D/o. Jayakumari. S,

83. Premlatha. M,

D/o. Mohan Kumara Mangalam,

84. Sopiya. V,

D/o. Venkatesan. G.P,

85. Pavithra. E,

D/o. Ellango. K,

86. Harinesri. N,

D/o. Narayanan. K,



87. Gayathri. J,
D/o. Jothi. S,

88. Sherin. S.B,
D/o. Selvyn. K,

89. Sarojini. C,
D/o. Chandiran. M,

90. Kanishka.B,
D/o. Boopathy.R,

91. Saranya.M,
D/o. Murugan.S,

92. Dharshika.K,
D/o. Kalyanasundaram.P,

93. Abhirami.M,
D/o. Muthuvelpandi.S,

94. Nethra Varsa. G.A,
D/o. Gunasekaran. I,

95. Samruddhi Babu,
D/o. Babu. T,

96. NatreenaiBalam,
D/o. Sangeetha. R,

97. Reshmika. R,
D/o. Ramola. S,

98. Subhashini. R.G,
D/o. Govindan. T.K.S,

99. Ishwarya. M,
D/o. Madhavan. R,

100.Kivinitha. T,
D/o. Thangamani. K,

101. Kaviya. M,
D/o. Muthukumar. P,

102. Gaythri. T,
D/o. Thankappan. C,



103. Shreya Susan. C,
D/o. Charles Vijayakumar. J,

104. Praveena. N,
D/o. Nataraj,

105. Lakshika. E,
D/o. Eswaran,

106. Akshaya. G,
D/o. Parameshwari. A,

107. Amrin. A.S,
D/o. Saitbai. A,

108. Shreenidhi. G,
D/o. Gunasekaran. S,

109. Santhoshini. R,
D/o. Rajasekhar. T,

110. Yogapriya. S,
D/o. Senthamarai,

111. Shrinidhi. R.S,
D/o. Shanmugasundaram. S,

112. Gobika. P,
D/o. Kalaiselvi. A,

113. Janani. D,
D/o. Deivasigamani,

114. Snehashree. P,
D/o. Thirumalai. A.M,

115. Maha Lakshmi. S,
D/o. Satheesh Kumar. R,

116. Sridharshana. K,
D/o. Kamalakannan,

117. Renuga. S,
D/o. Shanmugam. T,

118. Gayathri. G,



D/o. Guruchandran. K,

119. Madhumitha. M,

D/o. Magendran. K,

120. Saran. S,

S/o. Sakthivel. R,

121. Vasanthakumar. M,

S/o. Murugaperumal. S,

122. Mubin Ahmed. M,

S/o. Shakila Banu. A,

123. Priyadharshini. S,

D/o. Senthilkumar. N,

124. Akash. G,

S/o. Gunasekaran,

125. Malathi. S,

D/o. Sivalingam.M,

126. Vaishnavi. V,

D/o. Velaautham,

127. Banuprabha. T.A,

D/o. Ankaiyan. T.K.,

128. Gokula Srinivasan. J,

S/o. Jaganathan. G,

129. Neeraj Milind,

S/o. Rasagovindan. G,

130. Pradeep Kumar. M,

S/o. Murugesan. K,

131. Sivaramaama Bose. R.K,

S/o. Maheshwari. R.K.

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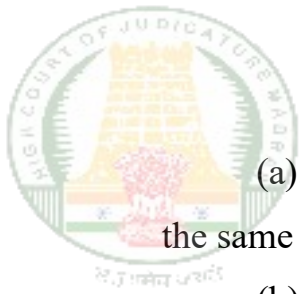
All the Petitioners 1 to 131 are studying and undergoing 2nd year MBBS course at Government Medical College and Hospital, Cuddalore District (Previously known as Rajah Muthiah Medical College and Hospital, Annamalai Nagar), Chidambaram

Vs.



1. The Government of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by its Principal Secretary to Government,
Higher Education Department,
Fort. St.George, Chennai - 600 009.
 - 2.The Government of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by its Secretary to Government Health and Family Welfare,
Department Fort. St. George,
Chennai - 600 009.
 3. The Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University,
Represented by its Registrar,
No.69, Anna Salai, Guindy,
Chennai 600 032.
 - 4.The Directorate of Medical Education
162, Periyar E.V.R. High Road,
Kilpauk,
Chennai - 600 010.
 - 5.Annamalai University,
Represented by its Registrar,
Annamalai Nagar,
Chidambaram - 608 002,
Cuddalore District.
 - 6.The Controller of Examinations,
Annamalai University,
Annamalai Nagar,
Chidambaram- 608 002,
Cuddalore District.
 - 7.Government Medical College and Hospital,
Cuddalore District,
(Previously known as Rajah Muthiah Medical College and Hospital),
Represented by its Dean,
Annamalai Nagar,
Chidambaram - 608 002
Cuddalore District.
- ... Respondents

Prayer in W.P.No.26126 of 2022: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records relating to:



(a).G.O.(Ms).No.204 Higher Education (H1) dated 26.10.2021 and quash the same and consequently;

(b) forbear the Respondents from collecting fees more than or beyond Rs.13,610/- (Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred and Ten Rupees only) per annum from the Petitioners herein from their Second Academic Year (i.e., 2021-22) onwards till completion of the M.B.B.S., course in the 7th Respondent college and award costs.

W.P.No.26126 of 2022	For Petitioner(s) Mr.S.R.Rajagopal, Senior counsel, Assisted by S.Shanmitha	For Respondent(s) Mr.P.S.Raman, Advocate General, Assisted by Mr.Vadivelu Deenadayalan, AGP, for R1 Mr.P.S.Raman, Advocate General, Assisted by Ms.M.Sneha, Special Standing Counsel, for R2, R4 and R7 Mr.P.Godson Swaminathan, for M/s.Issac Chamber Assisted by Mr.K.Krishnan, for R5 & R6 Mr.M.Sivavarthan,an, Standing Counsel, for R3
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W.P.No.27784 of 2022

Bavadharani,
D/o.Jaisankar,
No.5/49, 61st Street, SIDCO Nagar,
Villivakam, Chennai-600 049.

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Government of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Principal Secretary to Government,
Higher Education Department,
Fort St. George,
Chennai-600 009.



2.The Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu
Health and Family Welfare Department,
Fort St. Geroge, Chennai-600 009.

3.The Tamil Nadu Dr.MGR Medical University,
Rep. by its Registrar,
No.69, Anna Salai Guindy,
Chennai-600 032.

4.The Directorate of Medical Education,
162 Priyar EVR High Road Kilpauk,
Chennai-600 010.

5. Annamalai University
Rep. by its Registrar,
Annamalai Nagar,
Chidambaram-608 002,
Cuddalore District.

6.Government Medical College and Hospital,
Cuddalore District
(Previously known as Rajah Muthiah Medical college and Hospital)
rep. by its Dean, Annamalai Nagar,
Chidambaram,
Cuddalore District-608 002.

... Respondents

Prayer in W.P.No.27784 of 2022: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorari, calling for the records of the 1st respondent contained in impugned G.O. Ms. No.204 dated 26.10.2021 and the consequent Tuition Fee Notice bearing Notice No.T2/2022 dated 25.08.2022 issued by the 6th respondent herein, quash the same as unconstitutional, arbitrary, unjust and illegal.

	For Petitioner(s)	For Respondent(s)
W.P.No.27784 of 2022	Mr.Aravind Pandian, Senior Counsel, for Mr.C.V.Shailandhran	Mr.P.S.Raman, Advocate General, Assisted by Mr.Vadivelu Deenadayalan, AGP, for R1 Mr.P.S.Raman, Advocate General, Assisted by Ms.M.Sneha, Special Standing Counsel, for R2, R4 & R6



		Mr.P.Godson Swaminathan, for M/s.Issac Chamber, Assisted by Mr.K.Krishnan, for R5 Mr.M.Sivavarthan, Standing Counsel, for R3
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W.P.No.21034 of 2023

1. K.Murugasivam,
S/o.Kannan,
No.12.FF, Old Agraharam Street,
Chokkikulam, Madurai.

2. S.Pon Sabari,
S/o.Soundararajan,
No.49-A, Kamatchi Amman Koil Street,
Tiruppur.

3. Kokith,
S/o.Shanmugasundaram,
Kulathupalayam, M.Pidriyur Post,
Chennimalai Erode.

vs.

1. The Principal Secretary to Government,
Higher Education Department,
Fort St. George,
Chennai-600 009.

2.The Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu
Health and Family Welfare Department,
Fort St. Gerge,
Chennai-600 009.

3.The Directorate of Medical Education,
DME, No.162 Priyar EVR High Road,
Kilpauk, Chennai-600 010.

4. The Registrar,
Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar,
Chidambaram-608 002.
Cuddalore District.



5. The Dean,
Government Medical College and Hospital,
Cuddalore District
(Previously known as Rajah Muthiah Medical college and Hospital)
Annamalai Nagar,
Chidambaram,
Cuddalore District-608 002.

6. The Registrar,
Tamil Nadu Dr.MGR Medical University,
Guindy, Chennai – 600 032.

... Respondents

Prayer in W.P.No.21034 of 2023: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 4 and 5 to issue NO DUE CERTIFICATE to Writ examination M.B.B.S., Theory and Practical Degree examination scheduled to be held from 13.07.2023 to 23.07.2023.

	For Petitioner(s)	For Respondent(s)
W.P.No.21034 of 2023	Mr.K.Balaji	Mr.P.S.Raman, Advocate General, Assisted by Mr.Vadivelu Deenadayalan, AGP, for R1 Mr.P.S.Raman, Advocate General, Assisted by Ms.M.Sneha, Special Standing Counsel, for R2, R3 and R5 Mr.P.Godson Swaminathan, for M/s.Issac Chamber Assisted by Mr.K.Krishnan, for R4 Mr.M.Sivavarthanan, Standing Counsel, for R6



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COMMON ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by G.Jayachandran, J.)

The petitioners herein are students who joined the M.B.B.S course at Rajah Muthiah Medical College & Hospital, Chidambaram, affiliated with Annamalai University, during the academic years 2018–2019, 2019–2020, and 2020–2021. Being Aggrieved by G.O.(Ms).No.204 dated 26.10.2021, issued by the Higher Education (H1) Department of Tamil Nadu, which fixed the fees for these students at Rs.4,00,000/- (per annum), they are before this Court seeking a writ of Certiorarified mandamus to quash the said order and for direction to the respondents to collect only Rs.13,610/- per annum and not to withhold their certificates insisting payment of higher fees.

2. Before we advert to the merits of the case, it is pertinent to trace the background and reasons for issuing the impugned Government Order.

3. Annamalai University is a Private University established in the year 1929 by a Statute called “Annamalai University Act, 1928”. Under its aegis, Rajah Muthiah Medical College & Hospital, Chidambaram was established in the year 1985 for offering M.B.B.S, B.D.S and other paramedical courses. It was functioning as a private Medical College, collecting capitation fees from the students. Subsequently, the said University was took over by the



Government by enacting Annamalai University Act, 2013 (Tamil Nadu Act 20/2013) which came into effect from 25.09.2013. Thereafter, the said private university attained the status of State University.

4. When dispute arose regarding fixation of fees for the students joined in the said College after the take-over by the Government, the Hon'ble Supreme Court, in Civil Appeal No.6654 of 2018 dated 13.07.2018, passed the order as below:-

“We hold that the University was not entitled and competent to devise its own fee structure in the present matter without having the fee fixed by the Committee on Fixation of Fee as contemplated under 1992 Act. The matters shall therefore have to be referred to said Committee and the University is directed to place the entire material including its balance-sheet and accounts before the Committee on Fixation of Fee within two weeks from the date of this Judgment. The Committee shall thereafter bestow attention and fix appropriate fee structure for the academic year 2013-14 onwards. It goes without saying that if the fee structure fixed by the University is found by the Committee to be inappropriate, consequential benefit and advantage shall be given to each and every student. The Committee shall fix the appropriate fee structure for the current academic Session 2018-19 as well. The entire exercise shall be completed by 31.08.2018.”



5. In view of the above direction by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the committee headed by a retired Judge of the Madras High Court constituted for the fixation of fees. The said Committee on getting clarification from the Government about the status of the Rajah Muthiah Medical College, which continued to be a self-finance mode college even after the enactment of the Tamil Nadu Act 20/2013) and on considering the income and expenditure statements of the said University, after hearing the representatives of the students, fixed Fees for M.B.B.S, course for the respective academic years as below:-

The Fee fixed for M.B.B.S Course from the year 2013-2014 to 2018-2019,

Academic Year	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Fee Fixed Rs.	4,50,000	5,08,000	5,44,370	5,44,370	5,44,370	5,44,370

Note:

For the academic year 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 though the expenditure arrived at is over and above the fee prescribed in the prospectus. The Committee fixed the fee at Rs.5,44,370/-. (Five Lakh Forty Four Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Only) The fee fixed for the year 2017-2018 is applicable for the year 2018-2019 also.

If any fee collected over and above the fee fixed by the Committee shall be refunded to the students. If any amount due from the students, the institution is directed to give reasonable time and easy installment to the students



to remit the same.

Wherever the fee arrived by the Committee is more than the fee already fixed by the institution the Committee fix the same fee as fixed by the institutions printed in the prospectus considering the interest of the students.”

6. Pointing out the disparity in the fee structure between the private unaided Medical Colleges and the Rajah Muthiah Medical College, some of the students filed writ petitions and that writ petitions reached finality before the Hon’ble Supreme Court in ***B.Mohammed Naveeth & others vs. The Chairman, Fee Fixation Committee for Medical Colleges & others*** (order dated 10/12/2018), with the following observation:-

“Following is the statement of the Fee Fixation Committee placed on record on behalf of the petitioner:-

MBBS(UG)

Academic Year	2013-2014 (Rs.)	2014-2015 (Rs.)	2015-2016 (Rs.)	2016-2017 (Rs.)	2017-2018 (Rs.)	2018-2019 (Rs.)
Govt. Medical Colleges	12,290/-	12,290/-	13,600/-	13,600/-	13,600/-	13,600/-
Private Unaided Medical Colleges	2,50,000/- To 2,80,000/-	2,50,000/- To 2,80,000/-	2,50,000/- To 2,80,000/-	2,50,000/- To 2,80,000/-	2,50,000/- To 2,80,000/-	3,55,000/- To 4,00,000/-
Rajah Muthiah Medical Colleges	4,50,000/-	5,08,000/-	5,44,370/-	5,44,370/-	5,44,370/-	5,44,370/-



Considering the aforesaid disparity, we, prima facie, find no justification for fixing the higher fees for Rajah Muthaiah Medical College as compared to the private unaided medical colleges for MBBS (UG), BDS (UG), Medical (PG), MDS (PG). We direct, by way of an interim measure, that the fees that has been fixed for the private unaided medical colleges for MBBS (UG), BDS (UG), Medical (PG), MDS (PG) shall be realized by the University/College from the students and not even a penny more, during the pendency of this writ petition.”

7. Thus, as per the direction of the Supreme Court, a fee of Rs.4,00,000/- was collected from the students who joined the M.B.B.S., course in Rajah Muthiah Medical College & Hospital from the academic year 2018-2019. While so, in tune with the decision of the Government, the Rajah Muthiah Medical College, attached to the Annamalai University, was took over by the Government and renamed as ‘Government Medical College in Cuddalore District’ vide G.O.Ms.No.16 (Higher Education Department), dated 27/01/2021. By this Government Order, the administration, along with the assets and liabilities of the College, was handed over to the Health and Family Welfare Department. Consequently, G.O.(Ms).No.45, dated 01.02.2021, was issued by the Health and Family Welfare Department, wherein the fees for the M.B.B.S, course was fixed at Rs.13,610/-(per annum), on par with the prevailing fee structure for the existing Government Medical Colleges. Paragraph 4(b) of the said G.O (Ms).No.45, dated 01.02.2021, read as below:-



“4. After careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Medical Education, the Government hereby accord administrative sanction on the following:

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(b) The fees structure above will be given prospective effect from the date of taking over of the said Colleges as Government institutions/colleges as per the Government Order referred above. The earlier existing fees prior to taking over, already paid by the students will not be refunded or adjusted against future payments. The benefit of Government fee structure as fixed from time to time will be extended to currently studying and forthcoming students.”

8. As amendment to the above paragraph 4(b) of G.O.(Ms).No.45, dated 01.02.2021, the Health and Family Welfare (MCA-2) Department came out with clarification G.O.(Ms).No.122, dated 26.02.2021, adding clause (c) which read as below:-

Order:

The following amendment is issued to G.O. (Ms).No.45, Health and Family Welfare (MCA2) Department, Dated 01.02.2021

AMENDMENT

In the Government Order second read above, after the para 4(b) the following shall be added:-

“(c) Any earlier unpaid fees will be charged as per the earlier structure prior to issue of the Government Order and the present Government Order is prospective in nature”



9. Referring the above three Government Orders, viz., G.O.(Ms).No.16 (Higher Education [H1] Department), dated 27.01.2021, G.O.(Ms).No.45, Health and Family Welfare (MCA-2) Department, dated 01.02.2021 and G.O. (Ms).No.122, Health and Family Welfare (MCA2) Department, dated 26.02.2021, the Higher Education (H1) Department issued G.O.(Ms).No.204, dated 26.10.2021, which is impugned in these batch of writ petitions.

10. For clear and better appreciation of the facts G.O.(Ms).No.204, Higher Education (H1) Department, dated 26.10.2021 is extracted below:-

Higher Education (H1) Department

G.O (Ms) No.204

Dated: 26.10.2021
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Read :-

1. G.O (Ms) No.16, Higher Education (H1) Department, dated 27.01.2021.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.45, Health and Family Welfare (MCA-2) Department, dated 01.02.2021.
3. G.O (Ms) No.122, Health and Family Welfare (MCA-2) Department, dated 26.02.2021.

Order :-

In the G.O. first read above, orders have been issued to hand over the Rajah Muthiah Medical College and Hospital, Rani Meyyammai College of Nursing and Rajah Muthiah Dental College and Hospital attached to Annamalai University to the Government in Health and Family Welfare Department, for treating it as Government Medical College for Cuddalore District, subject to certain conditions. In the G.O. second read above the Government in Health and Family Welfare Department have fixed the fee for various medical and dental, UG and PG courses. In the G.O. third read above the Government in Health and Family Welfare Department have issued amendment to the G.O. second read above giving prospective effect to the fee fixed.

2. The medical students of Annamalai University who were on roll of the University during the academic year 2020 – 21 came with a request to re-fix the fees for under-graduate and post-graduate courses on par with the fees fixed in Private Un-aided Medical Colleges as per the interim orders of the Supreme Court in W.P. (Civil) No. 1361 of 2018 dated 10.12.2018.

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3 The Government after careful examination of the above request, fix the fees for under-graduate and post-graduate courses in medical and dental programs, on par with the fees fixed for self-financing colleges, for the students on roll till the academic year 2020 – 21, as follows.

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- (i) For students who were admitted to MBBS during the year 2016 – 17 and who are undergoing Compulsory Rotatory Residential Internship (CRR) (during 2020 – 21), the fees is fixed as Rs.5,44,370/- (per annum) (as per fee fixation committee fees) for their first and second year of study i.e. academic year 2016- 17 and 2017 – 18 and Rs.4,00,000/- (per annum) (on par with self –financing college fees) for their third, fourth and fifth year of study(academic years 2018 – 19 to 2020 – 21).
 - (ii) For students who were admitted to MBBS during the year 2017 – 18 and who were studying in the 4th year (during 2020 – 21) , the fees is fixed as Rs.5,44,370/- (per annum) (as per fee fixation committee fees) for their first year of study i.e. academic year 2017 – 18 and Rs.4,00,000/- (per annum) (on par with self – financing college fees) for their second to fifth year of study(academic years 2018 – 19 to 2021 - 2022).
 - (iii) For students who were admitted to MBBS during the years 2018 – 19 to 2020 - 2021 the fees is fixed as Rs.4,00,000/- (per annum) (on par with self – financing college fees) for the entire duration of their study.
 - (iv) For students who were admitted to BDS during the year 2017 – 18 and who were studying in 4th year (during 2020 – 21) , the fees is fixed as Rs.3,45,000/- (per annum) (as per fee fixation committee fees) for their first year of study i.e. academic year 2017 – 18 and Rs.2,50,000/- (per annum) (on par with self – financing college fees) for their second to fourth year of study (academic years 2018 – 19 to 2020 – 21).
 - (v) For students who were admitted to BDS during the years 2018 – 19 to 2020 – 2021, the fees is fixed as Rs.2,50,000/- (per annum) (on par with self – financing college fees) for the entire duration of their study.
 - (vi) For students who were admitted to MD/MS during the years 2018 – 19 to 2020 – 2021, the fees is fixed as Rs.3,00,000/- (per annum) (on par with self – financing college fees) for the entire duration of their study.
 - (vii) For students who were admitted to PG Diploma in medicine during the year 2020 – 2021, the fees is fixed as Rs.2,50,000/- (per annum) (on par with self – financing college fees) for the entire duration of their study.
 - (viii) For students who were admitted to MDS during the years 2018 – 19 to 2020 – 2021, the fees is fixed as Rs.3,00,000/- (per annum) (on par with self – financing college fees) for the entire duration of their study.



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4. The Government further orders that the excess fees paid should be refunded to the outgoing students i.e. MBBS students admitted in the year 2016 -17, MD/MS students admitted in the year 2018 - 19, BDS students admitted in the year 2017 - 18 and MDS students admitted during the year 2018 - 19 after due adjustments with the due to be collected from the same batch of students. The excess fee paid by all other students should be adjusted towards the fees to be paid in the forthcoming years. The stipend if anything has already been paid to the students of under-graduate and post-graduate medical and dental programs should be recovered as the fees has been re-fixed on par with self-financing college fees, since there is no stipend paid even to the eligible students.

5. Further in respect of the staff and academic issues at Government Medical College and Hospital, Government College of Nursing and Government Dental College and Hospital, Cuddalore District the Government orders the following:-

- (i) The staff of Government Medical College and Hospital, Government College of Nursing and Government Dental College and Hospital, Cuddalore District will continue to be the staff of Annamalai University. The salary shall be borne by the Government in Health and Family Welfare Department. Their postings, transfer and all other internal matters should be handled by the Directorate of Medical Education. The day-to-day functioning of Government Medical College and Hospital, Government College of Nursing and Government Dental College and Hospital, Cuddalore District and its administration should be taken over by the Directorate of Medical Education, immediately.
- (ii) The programs to which students were admitted till the year 2020 - 21 may continue to be affiliated to Annamalai University, till the completion of their study, their exams will be conducted by the Annamalai University and their mark sheets and degrees should be awarded by the Annamalai University.
- (iii) The under-graduate and post-graduate courses in medical and dental faculty should be affiliated to the Dr.M.G.R. Medical University from the batch to be admitted from the academic year 2021 - 22

6. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.46646/Fin(Health-II)/21, dated 26.10.2021.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

D. KARTHIKEYAN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT



11. Some of the students who joined the Rajah Muthiah Medical College in the academic years 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 had filed writ petitions stating that, the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Aamira Fathima v. Annamalai University*, reported in **2018 (9) SCC 171**, to fix fees for the students of Rajah Muthiah Medical College & Hospital on par with self-finance unaided Medical Colleges, hold good only till the college took over by the Government. Once the private college became a Government College, the fees from the students currently studying in the said College must be par with Government Colleges and not higher than the fees collected from similarly placed students studying in the other Government Medical Colleges. The G.O. (Ms).No.45, Health and Family Welfare (MCA-2) Department, dated 01.02.2021 passed consequent to the handing over of the College by the Annamalai University to the Government, had fixed the fees for the current students and forthcoming students as Rs.13,610/-. It is further clarified in G.O. (Ms).No.122, dated 26.02.2021, that the new fees structure will be given effect prospectively. Therefore, students who are pursuing their M.B.B.S. course, currently irrespective of their year of joining, are liable to pay only Rs.13,610/- as the annual fees. In other words, the claim of the writ petitioners is that, the effect of G.O.(Ms).No.45, dated 01.02.2021, issued by the Health and Family Welfare (MCA-2) Department, is applicable to all students pursuing their studies in the College (2nd year to 5th year) and for the students joining the college in future. Whereas, the impugned G.O.(Ms).No.204, issued by the



Higher Education (H1) Department had fixed fees at Rs.4,00,000/- to the students joined in the academic years 2018-2019 to 2021-2022, on par with self-finance college fees, which is arbitrary and discriminatory. They further claim that, similarly placed students of '*Perundurai Medical College, Erode*' who joined that College in the academic year 2019-2020, the Government has issued G.O.(Ms).No.84, dated 20.02.2021 and collecting Rs.13,610/- only. Whereas, from the petitioners who are pursuing the M.B.B.S., course in Rajah Muthiah Medical College (renamed as Government Medical College, Cuddalore) have been discriminated and compelled to pay higher fees without any reasonableness. Hence, G.O.(Ms).No.204, dated 20.10.2021, is liable to be quashed.

12. Mr.S.R.Rajagopal and Mr.Arvind Pandian Learned Senior Counsels appearing for the writ petitioners contented that, the Annamalai University after taken over by the Government has become a State University. Consequently, the Medicine Faculty of the University and the College run by the University has become part of the Government. The status of the Medical College before its takeover by the Government was different, the higher fees fixed and collected were justifiable. However, after its takeover by the Government *vide* G.O.(Ms).No.16, Higher Education (H1) Department, dated 27.01.2021, the students currently pursuing the courses in the College has to be treated at par with the Government Medical College students and cannot be discriminated.



Further, they argued that classifying students who joined before take over and who joined after take over lacks reasonableness. After issuing G.O.(Ms).No.45, dated 01.02.2021, that the fees fixed at Rs.13,610/- will apply to all the students studying currently, the Government, being a welfare state, cannot arbitrarily withdraw the promise and fix higher fees arbitrarily.

13. On behalf of the writ petitioners, it was also canvassed before us that, in W.P.No.7539 of 2021 filed by Chaavi Pareek and 144 others, the Deputy Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department, filed counter affidavit wherein, referring G.O.(Ms).No.45, had sworn that the Government have fixed the fees structure applicable to Government Medical institutions to courses offered in the Rajah Muthiah Medical College & Hospital, Chidambaram, with prospective effect. In the same writ petition, the Registrar-in-Charge of Annamalai University, filed counter affidavit wherein he also sworn that the writ petitioners have already paid their first-year fees and for the second year, the University is going to collect the fees as per G.O.(Ms).No.45, dated 01.02.2021 and G.O.(Ms).No.122, dated 26.02.2021. Therefore, when clarification sought by the writ petitioners from the Government about the fees structure for the writ petitioners who joined the M.B.B.S. course in the year 2019-2020, taking into consideration the above submission and the G.O. (Ms).No.45, the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court, while disposing of W.P.No.7839 of 2021 on 01.09.2021 had recorded the submissions made by the

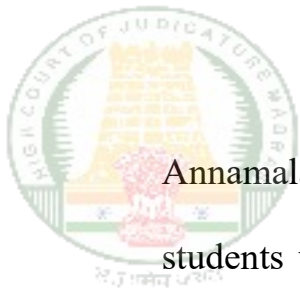


Government and the Annamalai University, extracting the fees structure table as found in G.O.(Ms).No.45, dated 01.02.2021.

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14. The Learned Counsels for the writ petitioners, referring the G.O. (Ms).No.84, Health and Family Welfare Department, dated 20.02.2021, issued in respect of Perundurai Medical College established by the Institute of Road Transport, submitted that, G.O.(Ms).No.64 is similarly worded as G.O. (Ms).No.45, in which the students who joined in Perundurai Medical College were asked to pay only Rs.13,600/- as per G.O.(Ms).No.45. In contra, for the students of Rajah Muthiah Medical College, Chidambaram, though earlier it was clarified that the fees structure will be as per G.O.(Ms).No.45, through impugned G.O.(Ms).No.204, the fees is enhanced without any intelligible differentia.

15. In response to the above arguments, the Learned Advocate General for the State clarified that, the Rajah Muthiah Medical College, Chidambaram, remained as a self-finance college, till it was taken over by the Government and renamed as '*Government Medical College Cuddalore*'. The said College got affiliated to the Dr.M.G.R Medical University through Act 23 of 2021, which came into effect from 26.02.2021. The students who got admitted to the M.B.B.S. course prior to the date of its affiliation to Dr.M.G.R Medical University continue to be the students of Rajah Muthiah Medical College under



ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY. Therefore, they cannot claim any parity with the students who joined the Government Medical Colleges in the State under the Government Quota. Insofar as Perundurai Medical College, it was established by Institute of Road Transport (IRT), functioning under the Tamil Nadu Transport Department and was always part of the Government and been affiliated to Dr.M.G.R.Medical University from its inception. Later, that college was taken over by the Government to be run directly. Hence, that College, which was a self-finance Medical College till then, on its take over by the Government from IRT, the students were treated par with the students pursuing their courses in other Government Medical College. Accordingly, the writ petitioners who joined the Rajah Muthiah Medical College affiliated to Annamalai University cannot seek parity with the students who joined in colleges affiliated to Dr.M.G.R Medical University. A conjoint reading of the Government Orders passed in respect of take over and fees structure, along with the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in this regard, it will be clear that the writ petitioners who joined the Rajah Muthiah Medical College under the aegis of Annamalai University are class by themselves and cannot claim parity with the students joined to the renamed Government Medical College, Cuddalore, under the aegis of Dr.M.G.R Medical University.

16. Further, the Learned Advocate General also submitted that, the writ petitioners, relying on the expression found in para 4(b) of G.O.(Ms).No.45,



that, *"the benefit of the Government fees structure as fixed from time to time will be extended to currently studying and forthcoming students"*, refers only to the students who joined the Government Medical College, Cuddalore, under Dr.M.G.R Medical University. To make it clear, the amendment was brought to the above Government Order by clause (c) after clause (b) in paragraph 4. Still, the ambiguity prevailed, therefore G.O.(Ms).No.204 was passed by the Higher Education Department, which is the Department competent to decide about the fees structure for the Medical Colleges run by the Government.

17. The Learned Advocate General submitted that, the process of taking over the Rajah Muthiah Medical College was completed only after carving out the college from the management of the Annamalai University. This process includes the delinking the financial affairs, staff, land and buildings, followed by shifting its affiliation from Annamalai University to Dr.MGR Medical University. Those who joined the Rajah Muthiah Medical College & Hospital, Chidambaram affiliated to Annamalai University, based on the prospectus which has prescribed the annual fee as Rs.4,00,000/-, continue to be students of Rajah Muthiah Medical College affiliated to Annamalai University till they complete the course. Their degree will be conferred only by Annamalai University. The writ petitioners fall under this category.



18. Heard the rival submissions made by the respective Learned Counsels on either side.

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19. The Annamalai University and the medical college run by the Annamalai University, after the take over, had faced several changes which not only confined to its administration but also its finance and the mode of admitting the students. After the Annamalai University (Second Amendment) Act, 2013, G.O (Ms).No.16, dated 27.01.2021 issued by the Higher Education Department renaming the 'Rajah Muthiah Medical College, Chidambaram' as 'Government Medical College, Cuddalore'. Thereafter, the Government Medical College, Cuddalore, got affiliated to Dr.M.G.R Medical University, by amendment to the Dr.M.G.R Medical University Act and thereafter, those students got admitted after 2021-2022 were treated as students of Government Medical College, Cuddalore. While so, the G.O.(Ms).No.204, dated 26.10.2021, issued by the Higher Education Department which is impugned in these writ petitions had made clear that fees for the students who joined prior to academic year 2020-2021 will be collected as per the prospectus and the fee committee recommendations. The programs to which students were admitted till the year 2020-2021 may continue to be affiliated to Annamalai University. The Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses in the Medical and Dental faculties should be affiliated to the Dr.M.G.R Medical University from the batch to be admitted from the academic year 2021-2022. Thus, the Rajah Muthiah



College & Hospital, to which the writ petitioners got admitted and Annamalai University, to which the said affiliated, shall remain so till these students complete their courses.

20. In respect of the W.P.No.7539 of 2021, filed by Chhavi Pareek and 144 others, who were the M.B.B.S. students joined in Rajah Muthiah Medical College during the academic year 2019-2020, we find that, the writ petitioners had sought for a direction to Dr.M.G.R Medical University to conduct examination. The Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court had negatived their prayer, holding that the affiliation of the said college to Dr.M.G.R Medical University is only prospective. Therefore, the students who joined the college before affiliation to Dr.M.G.R Medical University shall continue to be the students of Annamalai University.

21. In our considered view, the said observation of the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court gives quietus to the contention raised by the writ petitioners.

22. G.O.(Ms).No.45, Health and Family Welfare (MCA-2) Department, dated 01.02.2021, has to be read in entirety and not selectively. For better appreciation, the same is extracted below:-



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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MCA-2) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Ms) No.45

Dated:01 .02.2021

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தை மாதம் 19-ம் நாள்

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Read

1. G.O.(Ms) No. 16, Higher Education (H1) Department, dated 27.01.2021.
2. From the Director of Medical Education, Chennai , Letter Ref. No.005856/ ME1 / 2/2021, dated 29.01.2021.

ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, orders have been issued by the Higher Education Department directing that the Rajah Muthiah Medical College attached to Annamalai University be handed over to Health and Family Welfare Department for treating it as Government Medical College, Cuddalore District. Apart from handing over the Rajah Muthiah Medical College and Hospital, Rani Meyyammai College of Nursing and Rajah Muthiah Dental College and Hospital shall also be handed over to Health and Family Welfare Department.

2. Consequent to the above orders of handing over of the said Institution to this Department, the Rajah Muthiah Medical College and Hospital, Chidambaram shall be treated as regular "Government Medical College and Hospital, Cuddalore District" with immediate effect. Among others, paragraph 3 of the Government order first read above has outlined the process to be followed and paragraph 3 (v) has mentioned the need for issue of separate orders on specific issues.

3. In continuation of the above, in respect of paragraph 3 (v) (b) of the Government order first read above, the Director of Medical Education has sent the proposal in letter second read above stating that already seats are being filled as per the norms of a State Government Colleges by surrendering 15% of seats to All India Quota and balance 85% seats under the State Quota by following all formalities including rules of reservations followed presently by treating it as a Self financing Medical College. In view of the Government orders issued treating it as a Government Institution, the Director of Medical Education has proposed the adoption of Government fee structure and other charges from the date of issue of the order first read above.



4. After careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Medical Education, the Government hereby accord administrative sanction on the following:-

- a) The fees structure for the Medical (Under Graduate / Post Graduate) / Dental / Nursing courses of the institutions namely Rajah Muthiah Medical College and Hospital, Rani Meyyammai College of Nursing and Rajah Muthiah Dental College and Hospital, Chidambaram now taken over as Government institutions shall be as that of prevailing fees structure for the existing Government Medical / Dental / Nursing colleges as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Courses	Fess per Annum (in Rs.)
1.	M.B.B.S.	Tuition Fee : 4,000/- Special Fee : 950/- (including Medical Exam) Caution Deposit : 1,000/- Library Fee : 1,000/- University Fee : 6,060/- LIC (Group Insurance) : 300/- Red Cross : 100/- Miscellaneous Fee : 100/- Flag Day : 100/- Total : 13,610/-
2.	B.D.S.	Tuition Fee : 2,000/- Special Fee : 950/- (including Medical Exam) Caution Deposit : 1,000/- Library Fee : 1,000/- University Fee : 6,060/- LIC (Group Insurance) : 300/- Red Cross : 100/- Miscellaneous Fee : 100/- Flag Day : 100/- Total : 11,610/-
3.	Post Graduate (M.D., M.S. and M.D.S.)	Tuition Fee : 30,000/-
4.	Post Graduate Diploma	Tuition Fee : 20,000/-
5.	B.Sc. (Nursing), Bachelor of Physiotherapy Therapy (BPT) and Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (B.O.T.)	Tuition Fee : 3,000/-



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6.	M.Sc. (Nursing)	Tuition Fee : 5,000/-
7.	Master of Physiotherapy Therapy (M.P.T.)	Orders will be issued later.

- b) The fees structure above will be given prospective effect from the date of taking over of the said Colleges as Government institutions/colleges as per the Government Order referred above. The earlier existing fees prior to taking over, already paid by the students will not be refunded or adjusted against future payments. The benefit of Government fee structure as fixed from time to time will be extended to currently studying and forthcoming students.

5. The Director of Medical Education is also directed to take immediate steps to take over the properties and liabilities of the said colleges "as it is where it is" basis and send a detailed proposal for the same and also to take follow up action on Paragraph 3(v)(a) and para 3(v)(b) of the Government order first read above.

6. The Director of Medical Education is further directed to take affiliation process for bringing the said institutions under the Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University, Chennai immediately.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

J. RADHAKRISHNAN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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23. Thus, on reading the above Government Order, it is clear as crystal that, first, by G.O.(Ms).No.16, dated 27.01.2021, the Government has changed the name of the College and decided to treat it as regular Government Medical College. Next, proposal was sent by the Director of Medical Education to adopt the Government fees structure and other charges from the date of issue of G.O. (Ms).No.16, dated 27/01/2021. Thereafter, amendment to G.O.(Ms).No.45 by adding clause(c) and finally, G.O.(Ms).No.204, dated 26.10.2021 was issued. All these Government Orders were passed with prospective effect. The petitioners in all these writ petitioners were admitted joined the Rajah Muthiah



Medical College & Hospital before passing of these Government Orders. They joined the College after knowing that the fees for their course is Rs.4,00,000/- per annum as mentioned in the prospectus issued for the respective academic years.

24. In G.O.(Ms).No.45, at para 4(b), it is stated that the conferment of the benefit of the fees structure is extended to the students currently studying and forthcoming students. This provision has to be read and understood in the light of paragraphs 2 and 3 of the same Government Order as well as clause (c) which was subsequently added by way of amendment through G.O. (Ms).No.122. Thus by reading conjointly, we find no illegality in G.O. (Ms).No.204, dated 26.10.2021, which confines the benefit of Government college fee structure to the students who joined the Government Medical College, Cuddalore, affiliated to Dr.M.G.R Medical University during the academic year 2021-2022 and thereafter and not for those joined the Rajah Muthiah College & Hospital, Chidambaram, affiliated to Annamalai University before 2021-2022.

25. Therefore, we hold the contention raised by the writ petitioners seeking extension of the benefit of G.O.(Ms).No.45, Heath and Family Welfare (MCA-2) Department, dated 01.02.2021 as untenable. Since we find that the classification is supported by reasons, we hold no arbitrariness or unfair



discrimination is made out.

In fine:

Sl. Nos.	Writ Petition Nos.	Type of Relief Sought	Subject Matter	Status
1	W.P.No.18395 of 2023	Certiorarified Mandamus	To quash G.O.Ms.No.204 dated 26.10.2021	Dismissed
2	W.P.No.9202 of 2023	Certiorarified Mandamus	To quash G.O.Ms.No.204 dated 26.10.2021	Dismissed
3	W.P.No.25871 of 2022	Certiorari	To quash G.O.Ms.No.204 dated 26.10.2021	Dismissed
4	W.P.No.26126 of 2022	Certiorarified Mandamus	To quash G.O.Ms.No.204 dated 26.10.2021	Dismissed
5	W.P.No.27784 of 2022	Certiorari	To quash G.O.Ms.No.204 dated 26.10.2021	Dismissed
6	W.P.No.21034 of 2023	Mandamus	Direction to respondents 4 & 5 to issue "No Due Certificate" for M.B.B.S. Theory & Practical Examination	Dismissed

There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petitions are closed.

(Dr. G.JAYACHANDRAN, J.) & (SHAMIM AHMED, J.)

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Neutral Citation :Yes/No.

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To,

1.The Principal Secretary To Government
Higher Education Department, Fort St.
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2.The Principal Secretary To Government
Health And Family Welfare Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai - 9



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4.The Registrar,
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5.The Dean,
Government Medical College And Hospital,
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6.The Registrar,
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7.The Controller of Examinations,
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