

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated: 01.07.2016

Coram:

The Honourable Mr.SANJAY KISHAN KAUL, CHIEF JUSTICE
and
The Honourable Mr.Justice R.MAHADEVAN

W.P.Nos.1262, 1497, 1498, 1618, 1619,
1624 to 1627, 1578, 1606, 1818, 1819,
2314, 2540, 2541, 2612, 2615, 2616 and 2763 of 2016

R.GOWTHAMI (MINOR)
REPRESENTED BY HER FATHER AND GUARDIAN
N. RAVI ... PETITIONER in WP No.1262 of 2016

THE ORGANIZATION OF MUSLIM
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION & ASSO. OF TAMILNADU
REPD. BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY
DR.S.SATHIKH ... PETITIONER in WP No.1497 of 2016

LINGUISTIC MINORITIES FORUM OF
ITS CHAIRMAN
DR.C.M.K.REDDY ... PETITIONER in WP No.1498 of 2016

KOONA PRESIDENCY MATRICULATION
HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL
REP. BY ITS CORRESPONDENT
K.AFSAR ...PETITIONER IN W.P.NO.1618 OF 2016

MONICA
REP. BY MOTHER
MUNILAKSHMAMMA PETITIONER in WP No.1619 of 2016

S.AKMAL FOUZAAN
REP. BY FATHER
MR.N.SYED ALTAF ... PETITIONER in WP No.1624 of 2016

MINOR.R.GOKUL RAJ
REP. BY FATHER AND NATURAL GURADIAN
MR.R.RAMESH ... PETITIONER in WP No.1625 of 2016

MINOR.R.INDRA
REP. BY FATHER AND NATURAL GURADIAN
MR.M.RATHANLAL ... PETITIONER in WP No.1626 of 2016

MINOR P.SAI VIKASH
REP. BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
P.SUBRAMANIYAM ... PETITIONER in WP No.1627 of 2016

V.SAICHANDU MINOR
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
K.VARADHARAJU

H.JAYAKRISHNA MINOR
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
D.HARIBABU

I.STEPHEN BABU MINOR
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
I.ISRAEL

MS.G.V.RUBY JOYCE MINOR
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
G.V. VICTOR

MS.K.JERISHA MINOR
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
D.KUMAR ... PETITIONER in WP No.1578 of 2016

MONTFORT ANGLO INDIAN HIGHER
SECONDARY SCHOOL
REP. BY ITS
PRINCIPAL BRO. VARGHESE ... PETITIONER in WP No.1606 of 2016

- 1 EBENEZER MATRICULATION HIGH
SECONDARY SCHOOL REPRESENTED BY ITS
PRINCIPAL MR. E.RAHILENT EBENS
... PETITIONER in WP No.1818 of 2016
- 2 BHARATH
REPRESENTED BY FATHER AND
NATURAL GUARDIAN VENKATASAMY REDDY
- 3 JEMIMA
REPRESENTED BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
VIJAY.B

- 4 KUNAL
REPRESENTED BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
RAJA.K
- 5 MONISH.B
REPRESENTED BY
FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
BALAJI.R
- 6 NAVEEN
REPRESENTED BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
JAYANTHI.M
- 7 PUNITH KUMAR
REPRESENTED BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
PONRAJ.S
- 8 SWETHA
REPRESENTED BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
SIVAJI.E
- 9 SAHEJI SINGH
REPRESENTED BY FATHER AND NATURAL
GUARDIAN NARINDER SINGH
- 10 SAMUEL ASHLEY RICHARD
REPRESENTED BY FATHER AND
NATURAL GUARDIAN SAM RICHARD
- 11 ARADHNA KINDO
REPRESENTED BY
FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
SUNNY VICTOR KINDO
- 12 BHARATH SAIRAM
REPRESENTED BY
FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
THIRUNAVUKARASAN.K
- 13 ELISHA PAUL
REPRESENTED BY FATHER AND NATURAL
GUARDIAN SAMUEL RAVI CHAND
- 14 EZRENA GRACE KARUPPIAH
REPRESENTED BY FATHER
AND NATURAL GUARDIAN KARUPPIAH MUTHIAH

- 15 JANANI DHARSHINI
REPRESENTED BY FATHER
AND NATURAL GUARDIAN ARUN PANDIAN.P.P
- 16 JEE SONG HWA
REPRESENTED BY FATHER AND NATURAL
GUARDIAN GODGET JEE JUN GOO
- 17 PRASHAN GURUNG
REPRESENTED BY FATHER AND NATURAL
GUARDIAN LILBAHADUR GURUNG
- 18 ROSHNI RUTH CLAUDIA
REPRESENTED BY FATHER AND
NATURAL GUARDIAN ROBINSON.S.R
- 19 SAALIHMA KAUSAR
REPRESENTED BY
FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
AMEENUR RAHMAN. K.M
- 20 SHERYL LILLIAN DEVANESON
REPRESENTED BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
ALFRED PREM KUMAR DEVANESAN
- 21 SUSHMA
REPRESENTED BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
VENKATA REDDY
- 22 SUDARSHAN GURUNG
REPRESENTED BY FATHER AND NATURAL
GUARDIAN SUJAN GURUNG
- 23 YABHAS CHHETRI
REPRESENTED BY FATHER AND
NATURAL GUARDIAN
YUBA CHHETRI ...PETITIONER 1 TO 23 IN W.P. 1818 OF 2010

W.P.NO.1819 OF 2016

- 1 EBENEZER MATRICULATION HIGH
SECONDARY SCHOOL REP BY ITS
PRINCIPAL MRS.OLIVE SUKUMAR JEYASINGH
- 2 A.ALEX
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
MR. ANDREWS. P

- 3 H.ABHISHEK
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
B.HEMAN GOHAN. B
- 4 G.ALLAN OSWALD
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
GILL CHRIST
- 5 AMY AMISHA DAN
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
ALANKAR DAN
- 6 ARATHI THANGARJAN
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
THANGARAJAN
- 7 ARPIT ASHISH EKKA
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
SUNIL EKKA
- 8 AWAN DALABEHERA
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
DALABEHERA S.KUARIYAR
- 9 P.BRIGHT DEVANAYAKAM
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
JOHN WILLIAM
- 10 B.CHRISTINAL
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
BOOBALAN
- 11 S.DHANVANDHINI
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
SANTHOSH KUMAR S.K.
- 12 R.JIBIN MATHEW
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
REJI MATHEW
- 13 S.KEERTHI
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
SENTHIL THIAGARAJAN
- 14 RUBEN AMOLI
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
DANIEL AMOLI

15 VIKRANT TIRKEY
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
BALKRISHNA RORKEY

16 W.WICKELY SELCIA
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
WILSON

17 N.G.BLESSING
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
MATUIYEINYASHANGVA

18 HEILIZA J.NONGLAIT
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
DANIELLA NONGLAIT

19 SINGAMPHY VASHA
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
CHINAONGAI VASHA

20 SOMIYUNG
REP BY FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN
SHINUINGAM ... PETITIONER 1 TO 20 IN
W.P.NO.1819 OF 2016

SHANTHAMALLA DEVAR
F/O.SHIVAPRASAD.S. ... PETITIONER in WP No.2314 of 2016

AMBIKESWARA PRASAD ... PETITIONER in WP No.2540 of 2016

SUSHA ... PETITIONER in WP No.2541 of 2016

MINOR.B.ATHIRA
REP. BY HER MOTHER
MRS.BINDHU ... PETITIONER in WP No.2612 of 2016

MINOR.S.SHAMNA
REP. BY HER MOTHER
SABINA ... PETITIONER in WP No.2615 of 2016

MINOR R.S.LAVANIYA
REP. BY HER FATHER
D.RAJENDRAN ... PETITIONER in WP No.2616 of 2016

SREE NARAYNA DHARMA
PARIPALANA YOGAM (SNDP YOGAM)
KANYAKUMAR DT . UNION REP. BY ITS
SECY. S.SATHEESHKUMAR ...PETITIONER IN W.P.NO.2763 OF 2016

vs

- 1 THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVT.
OF TAMILNADU
SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
FORT ST.GEORGE, CHENNAI 600 009.
.. 1ST RESPONDENT IN WP
1262/10, 1497,1498, 1618,1619,
1624, 1625, 1626, 1627, 1518,
1606, 1818, 1819, 2314, 2540,
2541, 2612, 2615, 2616, 2763/16.
- 2 THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL EDUCATION
DPI CAMPUS, COLLEGE ROAD,
CHENNAI 600 006.
.. 2ND RESPONDENT IN WP
1262/16, 1497, 1498, 1618, 1619,
1624, 1625, 1626, 1627, 1578,
1606, 2314, 2540, 2541, 2612,
2615, 2616, 2763/16.
- 3 THE DIRECTOR OF ELEMENTARY
EDUCATION,
DPI CAMPUS, COLLEGE ROAD,
CHENNAI 600 006.
.. 3RD RESPONDENT IN WP
1262/16, 1497, 1498, 1578/16.
- 4 THE DIRECTOR OF MATRICULATION
SCHOOLS COLLEGE ROAD D.P.I.CAMPUS
NUNGAMBAKKAM CHENNAI-600 006..
.. 3rd RESPONDENT IN WP 1618/16, 1624,
1625, 1626,1627,2763/16.
.. 2ND RESPONDENT IN WP
1818, 1819/16
- 5 THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL/Govt.
EDUCATION DPI CAMPUS COLLEGE ROAD CHENNAI- 6.
.. 4TH RESPONDENT IN WP
1618/16, 2763/16.
.. 3RD RESPONDENT IN WP 1818
OF 2016, 1819/16, 2540, 2541/16.
- 6 THE DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL
OFFICER CHENGALPET KANCHEEPURAM DISTRICT.
.. 4TH RESPONDENT IN WP
1624/16, 1625/16, 1626, 1627/16.

- 7 THE INSPECTOR OF ANGLO INDIAN
SCHOOLS DPI COMPOUND COLLEGE ROAD
NUNGAMBAKKAM CHENNAI-6. . . 3RD RESPONDENT IN WP 1606/16.
- 8 THE CHIEF EDUCATIONAL OFFICER
CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICE SALEM.. 4TH RESPONDENT IN WP
1606/16.
- 9 THE CHIEF EDUCATIONAL OFFICER
ERODE DISTRICT ERODE .. 3RD RESPONDENT IN WP 2314/16.
- 10 THE CHIEF EDUCATIONAL OFFICER
NAGERCOIL KANYAKUMARI DISTRICT.
.. 4TH RESPONDENT IN WP 2540/16.
.. 5TH RESPONDENT IN WP 2763/16.
- 11 THE DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL
OFFICER KUZHITHURAI AT MARTHANDAM
KANYAKUMARI DISTRICT. . . 5TH RESPONDENT IN WP 2540/16.
.. 6TH RESPONDENT IN WP 2763/16.
- 12 THE HEADMASTER
GOVERNMENT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL
KOLLEMCODE KANYAKUMARI DISTRICT
.. 6TH RESPONDENT IN WP 2540/16.
- 13 THE CHIEF EDUCATIONAL OFFICER
COIMBATORE COIMBATORE DISTRICT.
.. 4TH RESPONDENT IN WP 2541/16
- 14 THE DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL
OFFICER COIMBATORE EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT
COIMBATORE .. 5TH RESPONDENT IN WP 2541/16.
- 15 CMS HIGH COURT (MALAYALAM)
REP.BY ITS HEAD MISTRES/सर्वप्रथमेव जयते
CORRESPONDENT, GANAPATHY,
COIMBATORE. . . 6TH RESPONDENT IN WP
2541 OF 2016.
- 15 THE CHIEF EDUCATIONAL OFFICER
COLLEGE ROAD CHENNAI-600 006. . . 3RD RESPONDENT IN WP
2612/16, 2615, 2616/16
- 16 THE DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL
OFFICER THUKALAY EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT
THUCKALAY KANYAKUMARI DISTRICT
.. 7TH RESPONDENT IN WP 2763/16.

17 THE DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL
OFFICER NAGERCOIL EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT
NAGERCOIL KANYAKUMARI DISTRICT

.. 8TH RESPONDENT IN WP 2763/16.

WP No.1262 of 2016

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of certiorarified mandamus calling for the records of the first respondent herein in letter No. 43296/ERT/2015, dated 31.12.2015 and quash the same and consequently direct the respondents to exempt the petitioner from the provisions of the Tamilnadu Compulsory Tamil Learning Act, 2006.

WP No.1497 of 2016

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to appoint a suitable committee to favourably consider the request of the 10th standard students for exemption from writing the Tamil Language exam for the year 2015-2016 in a time bound manner.

WP No.1498 of 2016

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to appoint a suitable committee to favourably consider the request of the 10th standard students for exemption from writing the Tamil Language exam for the year 2015-2016 in a time bound manner.

WP No.1618 of 2016

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of mandamus forbearing the respondents from insisting the students studying Minority language as Part-I Subject in the petitioner school to write the examination in Tamil Subject in the ensuing 10th Standard Public Examination to be conducted in March 2016 in Tamil Subject for the students studying in the petitioner school

WP No.1619 of 2016

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of certiorarified mandamus to call for the proceedings of the 1st respondent in Letter No.42213/ ERT/2015 dated 31.12.2015 and to quash the same and consequently to direct the respondents to exempt the petitioner from taking Tamil as a Part I Subject in the X Standard Board Examinations for the Academic Year 2015-2016

WP No.1624 of 2016

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of mandamus directing the

respondents to issue exemption to the petitioner and permit to write Hindi Language Exam in Part I in the forthcoming March 2016, 10th Standard Exams

WP No.1625 of 2016

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to issue exemption to the petitioner and permit to write Hindi Language Exam in Part I in the forthcoming March 2016, 10th Standard Exams

WP No.1626 of 2016

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to issue exemption to the petitioner and permit to write Hindi Language Exam in Part I in the forthcoming March 2016, 10th Standard Exams

WP No.1627 of 2016

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to issue exemption to the petitioner and permit to write Hindi Language Exam in Part I in the forthcoming March 2016, 10th Standard Exams

WP No.1578 of 2016

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of certiorarified mandamus calling for the records pertaining to the impugned order Nos.45728/ ERT/2015, 45721/ ERT/2015, 45688/ ERT/2015, 45715/ ERT/2015 and 45734/ ERT/2015 dated 31.12.2015 and quash the same and consequently direct the Competent Authority appointed under Act 13 of 2006 to issue exemption to the petitioners

WP No.1606 of 2016

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of certiorarified mandamus to call for the records of the 1st respondent proceedings in Letter Nos.40796/ ERT/ 2015 to 40819/CC4 ERT/2015 dated 31.12.2015 and to quash the same and to direct the 1st respondent to permit the children studying in the petitioner school namely (1) Sandeep Cyril Noronha (2) Jeremy Vanmalsawma, (3) Thanakorn Hoonsil, (4) Roger Zoremthanga, (5) Abin Jijo Alangadan (6) Sahil Ahamed, (7) Aaron Rajan A, (8) Vishnuraj V, (9) Ajith V.D. (10) Steeve Sam Binoy, (11) Vinod T, (12) Harihara Prasad K.R (13) Iwyn Muthu A (14) Aldo Leo, (15) Sai Sidhartha Reddy V, (16) John Thomas A, (17) Manjeet Singh Rao, (18) Riya George, (19) Vasundhara Devi Koijam (20) Jones K.Cyril (21) Sabah Mazood..,

WP No.1818 of 2016

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of certiorarified mandamus calling for records relating to the 1st respondents proceedings made in Letter No. 39965 to 39986/2015/CC4/2015 dt 31.12.2015, quash the same and to consequently direct the respondents to grant exemption from insisting for appearance in Tamil Language Exam under Part I for the ensuing 10th standard Public Exam during March-April, 2016

WP No.1819 of 2016

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of certiorarified mandamus calling for records relating to the 1st respondents proceedings made in Letter No. 40089 to 40108/2015/CC4/2015 dt 31.12.2015, quash the same and to consequently direct the respondents to grant exemption from insisting for appearance in Tamil Language Exam under Part I for the ensuing 10th standard Public Exam during March-April, 2016

WP No.2314 of 2016

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of certiorarified mandamus calling for the records of the 1st respondent in proceedings having Ref. No.Lr. No.40162/ 2015/CiCi4/ 2015 dated 31.12.2015 and quash the same in so far as the students studying in Talavadi whose mother tongue is Kannada are concerned and consequently direct the 1st respondent to exercise its powers under section 5 of Act 13/2006 namely the Tamilnadu Tamil Learning Act, 2006 and exempt the students in Talavadi whose mother tongue is Kannada from the provisions of At 13/2006 in particular section 3 of Act 13/2006 and permit them to write Part I paper in Kannada and Part IV Paper in Tamil

WP No.2540 of 2016

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of certiorarified mandamus to call for the records of the impugned letter in Letter No.42677/ ERT/2015 dated 31.12.2015, issued by the 1st respondent herein and quash the same as illegal and consequently direct the respondents to grant exemption to the petitioner Son minor Abhijith aged about 15 years, who already learnt Malayalam as his Part I Language, from the implementation of the Tamil Nadu Tamil Learning Act, 2006 and thereby exempt him from learning Tamil Language in Part I language and thereby permit him to take part, in the ensuing examinations including Public Examination, in Malayalam language in Part I concerned, which is going to be scheduled in the month of March 2016 or thereafter

WP No.2541 of 2016

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the

Constitution of India to issue a writ of certiorarified mandamus to call for the records of the impugned letter in Letter No.40619/ ERT/2015 dated 31.12.2015, issued by the 1st respondent herein and quash the same as illegal and consequently direct the respondents to grant exemption to the petitioner daughter, minor Anjana S.Nair, aged about 15 years, who already learnt Malayalam as her Part I Language, from the implementation of the Tamil Nadu Tamil Learning Act, 2006 and thereby exempt her from learning Tamil Language in Part I language and thereby permit her to take part, in the ensuing examinations including Public Examination, in Malayalam language in Part I concerned, which is going to be scheduled in the month of March 2016 or thereafter

WP No.2612 of 2016

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of certiorarified mandamus calling for the records relating to the impugned proceedings issued by the 1st respondent Principal Secretary in Letter No.42675/ERT/2015 dated 31.12.2015 to the petitioner, quash the same in so far as it compels the petitioner, B.Athira to Switch over suddenly from Malayalam to Tamil as their Part I First Language and further Direct the respondents to permit the petitioner B.Athira studying at the St. Marys Higher Secondary School, Melpalai, to Write Malayam as the part I First Language in the ensuing March 2016 Board Examinations

WP No.2615 of 2016

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of certiorarified mandamus calling for the records relating to the impugned proceedings issued by the 1st respondent Principal Secretary in Letter No.42685/ERT/2015 dated 31.12.2015 to the petitioner, quash the same in so far as it compels the petitioner, S.Shamna to Switch over suddenly from Malayalam to Tamil as their Part I First Language and further Direct the respondents to permit the petitioner S.Shamna studying at the St. Marys Higher Secondary School, Melpalai, to Write Malayam as the part I First Language in the ensuing March 2016 Board Examinations

WP No.2616 of 2016

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of certiorarified mandamus calling for the records relating to the impugned proceedings issued by the 1st respondent Principal Secretary in Letter No. 42679/ERT/2015 dated 31.12.2015 to the petitioner, quash the same in so far as it compels the petitioner, R.S.Lavaniya to switch over suddenly from Malayalam to Tamil as their Part-I First Language and further direct the respondents to permit the petitioner, R.S.Lavaniya studying at the St. Marys Higher Secondary School, Melpalai, to writ Malayalam as the Part-I

First Language in the ensuing March 2016 Board Examinations.

WP No.2763 of 2016

This writ petition is filed under article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of mandamus to direct the respondents to grant exemption, to all students, who already learnt Malayalam as their Part I Language, from the implementation of the Tamilnadu Tamil Learning Act, 2006 and thereby exempt them from learning Tamil language in Part I language and thereby permit them to take part, in the ensuing examinations including Public Examination, in Malayalam language in Part I concerned, which is going to be scheduled in the month of March 2016 or thereafter.

For Petitioners: Ms.Dakshayani Reddy
in WP 1262/16

Mr.M.Ravindran
Senior Counsel for
M/s.Krishna Ravindra
in WP 1497, 1498, 1624 to
1627/16, 1578/16.

Mr.G.Sankaran in
WP 1618/16.

Mr.G.M.Ananthakumar
in WP 1619/16.

Mr.B.Raviraja
in WP 1606/16.

Mr.L.Chandrakumar
in WP 1818 & 1819/16.

Mrs.Nalini Chidambaram
for M/s.C.Uma
in WP 2314/16.

Mr.M.Raveender for
M/s.C.Kishore.
in WP 2540 & 2541/16.
2763/16.

M/s.Isaac Mohanlal
in WP 2612/16, 2615,
2616/16.

For Respondents: Mr.AL.Somayaji,
Advocate General Assisted
by Mr.T.N.Rajagopal,
Special Governemtn Pleader
(Education)
for Respondents in
all the WPs.

O R D E R

(The Order of the Court was made by The Hon'ble The Chief Justice)

Learned Advocate General has produced in court a schedule for submission and disposal of applications to be issued by the Directorate of School Education for persons seeking exemption from taking examination in Tamil and the same reads as under:

SL.No	ITEM	DATE & PERIOD
1.	Submission of Applications by Student to the Principal/Head Master on or before	20.07.2016
2.	Forwarding of application by the Principal/Head Master of the school to the competent authority.	Within two weeks from the receipt of application.
3.	Considering and forwarding recommendation by the competent authority to the Director of School Education	Within two weeks from the date of receipt of application by the competent authority.
4.	Forwarding of applications with recommendation from Director of School Education to the Government.	Within two weeks from the date of receipt of application by the Director of School Education.
5.	Considering and passing order by the government.	Within two weeks from the date of receipt of application.

If any student is on transfer from another State after 20.07.2016, as his/her parents in Government Service or in employment of Public Sector Undertakings/ Institutions/ Companies/ Corporations/ Private Employment/ Business in

other States, the application of such students may also be considered on merits provided the application is submitted prior to preparation of nominal roll for the X Standard Board Examination, 2017.'

2. Learned Advocate General assures the court on behalf of the Secretary to the School Education Department that this schedule will be adhered to.

3. We did put to the learned Advocate General whether it may be more advisable to have a committee rather than leave it to a single officer to decide this issue as the numbers may be large and then delay occurs, that being our experience for the last academic year 2015-2016, when we had expressed such an apprehension in December, 2015, but it was assured that those applications would be processed. What resulted was a mass rejection and therefore an omnibus order from us granting everybody exemption from the subject. The larger issue of ensuring that Tamil is learnt across the board is already subserved by the fact that possibly at best one percent students sought exemption. This would naturally decline in phases over a period of time. Our concern was that there are certain institutions which claim that Tamil teaching did not even commence on account of paucity of Tamil Teachers. An example of this is given by learned Senior Counsel canvassing the case in W.P.No.2540 of 2016 that in Kanyakumari, in a Government School, Malayalam was being taught and not Tamil.

4. Learned Advocate General however submits that as per a recent policy announced (copy not available as yet), such exemption would be only available to students who come on transfer to schools in Tamil Nadu. Thus, he states that no exemption for any institution is to be granted.

5. Naturally, learned counsel for the petitioner states that such a policy would have to be assailed by them in accordance with law.

6. In view of the aforesaid, the issue of appointment of a committee to look into each individual institution claiming exemption is at large, as the policy sought to be propounded would come in the way of the same. It is only in any proceedings assailing the policy, this question would arise.

7. At request of the learned counsel appearing for the Anglo-Indian Schools, we clarify that the aforesaid would equally apply to them.

8. We thus close the present proceedings in these batch of writ petitions, leaving the parties to bear their own costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CS VII)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

- 1 THE SECRETARY, SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST.GEORGE, CHENNAI 600 009.
- 2 THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL EDUCATION
DPI CAMPUS, COLLEGE ROAD, CHENNAI 600 006.
- 3 THE DIRECTOR OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
DPI CAMPUS, COLLEGE ROAD, CHENNAI.
- 4 THE DIRECTOR OF MATRICULATION
SCHOOLS COLLEGE ROAD D.P.I.CAMPUS
NUNGAMBAKKAM CHENNAI-600 006
- 5 THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL/Govt.
EDUCATION DPI CAMPUS COLLEGE ROAD CHENNAI- 6.
- 6 THE DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL
OFFICER CHENGALPET KANCHEEPURAM DISTRICT.
- 7 THE INSPECTOR OF ANGLO INDIAN
SCHOOLS DPI COMPOUND COLLEGE ROAD
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+1 cc to M/S.B.Ravi Raja, Advocate sr.37212
+1 cc to M/S.Dakshayani Reddy, Advocate Sr.37063
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