

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21.09.2016

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE T.S.SIVAGNANAM

W.P.No.32824 of 2016

M.Muthukumar

... Petitioner

vs.

1.PSG College of Technology
rep. by its Registrar
P.B.1609, Avinashi Road
Coimbatore.

2.Anna University
rep. by its Registrar
Sardar Patel Road, Old Highways Building
Guindy, Chennai 600 025.

3.The Secretary Government,
Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission,
Chennai-600003.

(R3 suo motu impleaded as per the order of this
Court in this Writ Petition dt 21.09.2016)

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a writ of Mandamus to direct the second respondent to issue 'no objection certificate' treating Mechanical Engineering course as equivalent to Production Engineering (Sandwich) course.

For Petitioner :Mr.V.Raghavachari

For Respondents :Mr.A.Jenasenan - R1
Standing Counsel
Mr.M.Vijayakumar - R2
Standing Counsel

O R D E R

Heard Mr.V.Raghavachari, learned Counsel is appearing for the petitioner, Mr.Mr.A.Jenasenan, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the first respondent and Mr.M.Vijayakumar, learned Standing Counsel, appearing for the second respondent. With the consent of the learned counsel appearing on either side, the Writ Petition itself is taken up for final disposal.

2.In this Writ Petition, the petitioner seeks for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus to direct the second respondent to issue 'no objection certificate' and treat the Mechanical Engineering course as equivalent to Production Engineering (Sandwich) course.

3.Neither the University nor the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, can pass orders for equivalence of Degrees, and it is only the Equivalence Committee constituted by the Government of Tamil Nadu can consider the said issue. In fact, the Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department has addressed the Secretary, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, by letter dated 09.09.2016, which is to the following effect: Thus, it is seen that it is the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, which has to place the matter before the Equivalence Committee, and the said Committee has to take a decision on such issue. However, in this Writ Petition, the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, is not a party and in order to give effective direction, the Secretary Government, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, Chennai-600003, is suo motu impleaded as the third respondent.





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Higher Education (J1) Department
Secretariat,
Chennai 600 009

Letter No. 12583/J1/2016-1 dated 9.9.2016

From
Thiru A. Karthik, I.A.S.,
Secretary to Government (FAC).

To
The Secretary,
Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission,
Chennai-3 (w.a)



Sir,

Sub: Technical Education - Equivalence of courses - Equivalence of B.E. Production Engineering (Sandwich) awarded by P.S.G. College of Technology, Coimbatore as equivalent to B.E. Mechanical Engineering - Orders - Request - Reg.

- Ref: 1. G.O(Ms) No.183. P& AR(R) Department,
dated 6.6.1995.
2. From Thiru. M. Muthukumar, Peejamedu,
Coimbatore District, Letter dated 22.6.2016.

I am directed to enclose a copy of the reference cited, wherein the individual has requested orders that B.E. Production Engineering (Sandwich) awarded by the P.S.G. College of Technology, Coimbatore as equivalent to B.E. Mechanical Engineering. He has stated that B.E. Production Engineering and B.E. Production Engineering (sw) are having 100 percent same syllabus. The only difference is industrial training adder in syllabus of Production Engineering (sw). I am, therefore, to request you to place the subject, whether B.E. Production Engineering (sandwich) awarded by P.S.G. College of Technology, Coimbatore as equivalent to B.E. Mechanical Engineering, before the Equivalence Committee and send the decision of the Committee to Government early.

Yours faithfully,

for Secretary to Government

Copy to
The Registrar, Anna University, Chennai -25 (w.e)
The Personnel & Administrative Reforms (M2) Department, Chennai-9 (w.e)

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4.In the light of the above the third respondent is directed to take into consideration the letter given by the Secretary to Government Education, Higher Education (J1) Department, dated 09.09.2016, referred above, and take an expeditious action to place the matter before the Equivalence Committee, preferably, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

The Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

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Assistant Registrar

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Sub-Assistant Registrar

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To

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Anna University
Sardar Patel Road, Old Highways Building
Guindy, Chennai 600 025.

2.The Secretary
Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission,
Chennai-600003.

+1 cc to MR.V.RAGHAVACHARI, Advocate SR.NO. 53710

+1 cc to MR.VIJAYAKUMAR, Advocate SR.NO. 53684

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