

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 08.02.2016

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R.SUBBIAH

Writ Petition No.992 of 2016

I.Thanneermalai

... Petitioner

vs.

The Director,
Directorate of Distance Education,
Annamalai University,
Chidambaram.

... Respondent

Writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for a Writ of certiorarified mandamus to call for the records of the respondent university in his proceedings in Letter DDE/D6/54/2015-2016/16405 dated 9.12.2015 and quash the same and direct the respondent to reissue the MBA Degree in petitioner's present name as I.Thanneermalai and consequently direct the respondent to carry out the same in University records.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.A.Vimal Kumar

For Respondent : Mr.R.Suresh Kumar,
Standing Counsel.

ORDER

The petitioner has come up with the present writ petition challenging the proceedings of the respondent dated 9.12.2015 and consequently, to direct the respondent to re-issue the MBA Degree in petitioner's present name as I.Thanneermalai and consequently, direct the respondent to carry out the same in University records.

2. It is the case of the petitioner that he has completed his MBA in E-Business in the year 2009 in the respondent university and his registration number is 178M09006P00667 and Enrollment No.1780600324. At the time of admission, he had enrolled as Thanneermalai. Subsequently, due to personal reasons, he changed his name as Velayudham and registered the change of name and got published in the Government Gazette on 18.6.2008. He has also registered the same with the respondent university on 7.7.2008 and obtained MBA

degree from the respondent university on 22.12.2009 as Velayutham. Though the petitioner changed his name as Velayudham, all his school and college records stood in the name as Thanneermalai. Before he could change his name in all previous records, he got job based on the under-graduation degree in Engineering i.e., B.E. (EEE), which stood in his old name Thanneermalai. Presently, the petitioner has been working for the past five years as Thanneermalai. Though he has changed his name as Velayutham, he was never identified so neither in the society nor in his family and friends circle. Hence, he preferred an application for change of his name as Thanneermalai in Government Gazette and got published on 11.11.2015. Thereafter, the petitioner sent a representation dated 27.11.2015 to the respondent university requesting them to re-issue MBA Degree in his present name as Thanneermalai and to carry out the same in university records. But, the respondent sent a letter dated 9.12.2015 stating that the change of name can be allowed only during the period of study. Hence, the petitioner has come up with the present writ petition challenging the proceedings of the respondent dated 9.12.2015 and consequently, to direct the respondent to re-issue the MBA Degree in petitioner's present name as I.Thanneermalai and consequently, direct the respondent to carry out the same in University records.

3. Today, when the matter was taken up for consideration, learned counsel appearing for the respondent university submitted that if the petitioner produces MBA degree certificate and pays a sum of Rs.300/- by way of demand draft in favour of The Director, Directorate of Distance Education, Annamalai University, Chidambaram, his request for effecting name change would be considered.

4. In view of the said submission made by the learned counsel appearing for the respondent university, this Court directs the petitioner to produce his MBA degree certificate along with necessary records and demand draft for a sum of Rs.300/- in favour of the respondent, before the respondent within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and on receipt of the same, the respondent is directed to pass appropriate orders with regard to change of petitioner's name as prayed for in this writ petition, within a period of two weeks thereafter. The writ petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

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s/d-
Assistant Registrar (CS-V)

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Sub-Assistant Registrar

To

The Director,
Directorate of Distance Education,
Annamalai University,
Chidambaram.

+ 1 cc to M/s.K.A.Vinod Kumar, Advocate SR 8082

+ 1 cc to M/s.R.SunilKumar, Standing Counsel SR 8080

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