



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT  
DATED : 02.11.2016

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE S.VIMALA

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W.P (MD) No.20814 of 2016  
and  
W.M.P (MD) No.14863 of 2016

Ponnaiayah Ramajeyam Institute of  
Science and Technology University  
(Prist University) through its  
Registrar, Vallam, Thanjavur District. : Petitioner  
Vs.

The Secretary,  
National Assessment and Accreditation Council,  
University Grants Commission,  
Bahadur Shaw Zafar Marg,  
New Delhi - 110 002. : Respondent

PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the  
Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus  
directing the respondent to grant the "A" Grade to the petitioner  
deemed to be university.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Manikkam  
for Mr.K.K.Ramakrishnan  
For Respondent : Mr.V.Maharajan,  
Standing Counsel.

#### O R D E R

This writ petition has been filed for issuance of a Writ of  
Mandamus, directing the respondent to grant "A" Grade to the  
petitioner's deemed university.

2.Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and  
the learned Standing Counsel, who took notice for the respondents.  
By consent, the writ petition itself is taken up for final  
disposal.

3.The case of the petitioner is that the petitioner University  
is a deemed University by virtue of the order passed on 04.01.2008  
under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act. The  
Hon'ble Supreme Court by the order dated 08.09.2015 directed the  
National Accreditation Assessment Commissioner (NAAC), an  
autonomous body of the respondent, to assess the ranking of the  
petitioner submitted the relevant fee for the  
Assessment of Ranking and the respondent appointed Peer Committee  
to inspect the petitioner University and the said Peer Committee



submitted a report and awarded "B" Grade with 2.95 grade points, which is less than 0.05 to get 'A' grade. The petitioner sent a communication to the respondent on 22.12.2015, expressing his intention to file an appeal and requested to furnish the format and prescribed fee for review of gradation. The Chairman of the Peer Review Committee submitted a report stating that the petitioner University would have been awarded 3.17 marks and thereby the petitioner would have been entitled to grant "A" grade. Still the respondent has not been chosen to award "A" grade to the petitioner institution. Therefore, the petitioner sent a representation dated 05.04.2016, followed by a reminder dated 29.07.2016.

4.The respondent by the communication dated 29.07.2016, expressed their intention to revisit and directed the petitioner to furnish further particulars. As per the direction, the petitioner has furnished the particulars on 09.08.2016 and the respondent neither visited the premises nor granted "A" grade based on the report of the Review Committee Members dated 12.02.2016. Hence, this writ petition has been filed, seeking a writ of mandamus directing the respondent to grant "A" grade to the petitioner deemed University.

5.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that it would be suffice if the respondent is prepared to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 09.08.2016.

6.The learned standing counsel for the respondent would submit that personal visit of the respondent would be better in the interest of the institution and the respondent would prefer the personal visit in order to find out whether the petitioner is entitled to "A" grade or not.

7.Only in case of personal visit by the respondent, the respondent would be in a position to find out whether the Self Study Report, dated 09.08.2016, is reliable or not. Accordingly, the respondent is directed to fix the date for personal visit and intimate the petitioner and the personal visit shall be made within a period of two months from the date of receipt of copy of the order. After effecting personal visit, the respondent shall pass orders within a period of one month thereafter.

8.With the above direction, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CS II)

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To  
The Secretary,  
National Assessment and Accreditation Council,  
University Grants Commission,  
Bahadur Shaw Zafar Marg,  
New Delhi - 110 002.

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+1cc to Mr.KK.Ramakrishnan, Advocate Sr.No.65191/2016

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ORDER MADE IN  
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