

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09.02.2017

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE T.RAJA

Contempt Petition No.172 of 2017

S.Revathi

.. Petitioner

-vs-

1. Dr.J.Manjula
The Director of Collegiate Education (F.A.C.)
College Road, DPI, Chennai
 2. Dr.A.Subbaiah Pandey
The Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education
Dharmapuri Region, Dharmapuri
 3. Dr.D.Prida Ganarani
The Principal
Government Arts College
Dharmapuri
- .. Respondents

Petition under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 praying to punish the respondents for disobedience of the order of this Court dated 1.4.2016 made in W.P.No.12192 of 2016 and W.M.P.No.10545 of 2016.

For Petitioner :: Mr.J.Vepparasu

For Respondents:: Mr.A.N.Thambidurai
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

This contempt petition has been taken out against the respondents, on the ground that the interim order of this Court dated 1.4.2016 directing the respondents to maintain status quo has been violated. Adding further, the learned

counsel for the petitioner submitted that when the order dated 26.2.2016 proposing to conduct a departmental enquiry against the petitioner, who has been working as Assistant Professor in Economics, Government Arts College, Dharmapuri, with reference to the charges framed therein became the subject matter of challenge in the writ petition, this Court has already directed the respondents to maintain status quo. But the Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Dharmapuri has wrongly issued the communication dated 18.11.2016 through the Principal, Government Arts College, Dharmapuri calling the petitioner to appear for the enquiry. On receipt of the same, the petitioner has also given her reply dated 23.11.2016 about the grant of interim order of status quo by this Court with regard to the enquiry. In spite of the reply dated 23.11.2016, the respondents have proceeded further, as a result the petitioner has been put to grave mental cruelty. Therefore action should be taken.

2. In reply, the learned Special Government Pleader for the respondents has placed on record the proceedings dated 5.1.2017 issued by the Director of Collegiate Education, Chennai to the Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Dharmapuri Region not to proceed with the enquiry under Rule 17(b) against the petitioner till the result of the writ petition is made known.

3. A perusal of the proceedings dated 5.1.2017 issued by the Director of Collegiate Education, Chennai shows that the respondents have not proceeded with the enquiry, although initiated against the petitioner, may be, without knowing the correct status of the matter. Therefore this Court is not able to find any elements of contempt. Accordingly, placing on record the proceedings dated 5.1.2017, this contempt petition stands closed.

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