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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 25.04.2019

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **G.R.SWAMINATHAN**

W.P. (MD) No.10015 of 2019

and

W.M.P (MD) .No.7807 of 2019

The Secretary,
St.Ignatius College of Education (Autonomous)
Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli District.

... Petitioner

Vs

1.The State of Tamil Nadu,
rep., by its Secretary,
Department of Higher Education,
Fort St.George, Chennai-600 006.

2.The Director of Collegiate Education,
College Road, Chennai-600 006.

3.The Joint Director of Collegiate Education,
Tirunelveli Region, Tirunelveli,
Tirunelveli District 627 007.

4.Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University,
rep., by its Registrar,
Lady Willingdon College Campus,
Kamarajar Salai,
Chennai- 600 005.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the first respondent State Government of recognising the status of the petitioner's College as a Christian Religious Minority Educational Institution by considering the memorandum dated 18.07.2018 together with the letter dated 24.09.2018.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.J.Shabu Jose for M/s.Isaac Chambers

For Respondents : Mr.M.Murugan

Government Advocate

ORDER

Heard the learned counsel on either side.

2. The writ petitioner is a College run by the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (ICM), Tiruchirapalli. It is a Society registered under the provisions of Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1860. The petitioner had applied to the first respondent seeking declaration of their minority status. The application was submitted way back on 18.07.2018. The first respondent appears to have been called for



certain additional particulars through the Joint Director of College Education, Tirunelveli. According to the petitioner, the same has also been furnished. Now, the first respondent has to take a call in the matter.

3. This Court directs the first respondent to pass orders on the petition mentioned application on merits and in accordance with law within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt a copy of this order.

4. The Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

To

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+1cc to M/s.Special Government Pleader,SR.No. 62874

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