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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16.02.2022

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THE HONOURABLE DR. JUSTICE ANITA SUMANTH

W.P. No.2844 of 2022
& WMP No.2984 of 2022

The Secretary
The Sagayathottam Agricultural School Society
Sagayathottam, Takkolam,
Ranipet District

...Petitioner

Vs

1. The State of Tamil Nadu
rep. By its Principal Secretary,
Department of Agriculture,
Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.
2. The Director,
Directorate of Agriculture,
Chepauk, Chennai - 600 005.
3. The Tamil Nadu Agricultural University,
rep. By its Registrar,
Coimbatore - 641 003.

... Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the 1st respondent State Government to recognize forthwith the status of the petitioner's college, namely, Don Bosco College of Agriculture, Sagayathottam, Thakkolam, Arakkonam Taluk, Ranipettai District, as a Christian Religious Minority Educational Institution by considering petitioner's application/memorandum dated 15.03.2021 and reminder dated 09.08.2021.

For Petitioner : Mr.H.Mary Sowmi Rexi

For Respondents: Mr.C.Jayaprakash
Government Advocate - R1 & R2
Mr.Abdul Saleem - R3



O R D E R

Mr.C.Jayaprakash, learned Government Advocate accepts notice for R1 and R2 and Mr.Abdul Saleem, learned Counsel accepts notice for R3 and both are armed with instructions to proceed with the matter finally. Hence, by consent expressed by both learned counsel, this Writ Petition is disposed finally even at the stage of admission.

2. The mandamus sought for by the petitioner is for a direction to R1, i.e., the Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture to recognize the status of the petitioner's college, namely, Don Bosco College of Agriculture, Sagayathottam, Thakkolam, Arakkonam Taluk, Ranipettai District, as a Christian Religious Minority Educational Institution by taking note of the petitioner's application/memorandum dated 15.03.2021 and subsequent reminder dated 09.08.2021.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, in this regard, would rely upon Government Order G.O.Ms.No.270 Higher Education J1 dated 17.06.1998 setting out guidelines in this regard.

4. Learned counsel appearing for R1 would assure the Court that the application of the petitioner would be considered and disposed within a period of six (6) weeks from today, after hearing the petitioner and in line with the guidelines set out in the aforesaid Government Order.

5. Recording the aforesaid, as mandamus sought for stands achieved, this Writ Petition is disposed. No costs. Connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CS-III)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

1. The Principal Secretary,
The State of Tamil Nadu
Department of Agriculture,
Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.



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+1cc to M/s.Isaac Chambers, Advocate SR.No.10003

+1cc to Government Pleader SR.No.10273

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GMY (24/03/2022)