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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 13.12.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

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S.Rajeswari

... Petitioner

Vs

- 1.The Principal Secretary to Government,
Higher Education Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.
- 2.The Principal Secretary to Government,
Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.
- 3.The Director,
Directorate of Collegiate Education,
College Road,
Chennai – 600 006.
- 4.The Registrar,
Bharathidasan University,
Palkalai Perur,
Tiruchirappalli – 620 024.
- 5.The Principal,
Government Arts College (Autonomous),
Kumbakonam – 612 001.



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6.The Chairman,
Board of Studies,
Spatial Information Technology for Disaster Management
(SITDM),
Government Arts College (Autonomous),
Kumbakonam – 612 001.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1, 2 and 3 to declare M.Sc., Spatial Information Technology for Disaster Management of Bharathidasan University is equivalent to M.Sc., Geography.

For Petitioner : No Appearance

For Respondents : Mr.T.Amjad Khan
Government Advocate
for R.1 to R.3, R.5 & R.6

Mr.V.R.Shanmuganathan
Standing Counsel for R.4

ORDER

None appears for the writ petitioner.

2. The petitioner wants this Court to direct the authorities to declare the petition mentioned Course conducted by Bharathidasan University as equivalent to M.Sc., Geography. However, the said request was rejected vide G.O(Ms)No.186 Higher Education (K1) Department dated 15.12.2020. It is well settled that in matters regarding equivalence, the Government is the



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competent authority. It is not for this Court to give any declaration regarding equivalence of degrees. Leaving open the petitioner to question the said Government Order, this writ petition is dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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