



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05.09.2023

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THE HON'BLE Mr. JUSTICE **C.V.KARTHIKEYAN**

W.P.No.21732 of 2017  
and  
W.M.P.No.4196 of 2020

D. Devakumar

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Principal Secretary to Government,  
Higher Education Department,  
Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

2.The Chairman  
Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission,  
Fraser Bridge Road,  
Chennai – 600 003.

3.The Director,  
54<sup>th</sup> Equivalence Committee,  
Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission,  
Fraser Bridge Road,  
Chennai – 600 003.

.. Respondents

**Prayer:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records of the impugned order in G.O.Ms.No.233 Higher Education (K2) Department dated 18.11.2016 passed by the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent insofar as it



relates to approving third respondent resolution Agenda No.23 in the 54<sup>th</sup> Equivalence Committee meeting held on 08.09.2016 and resolved that M.Sc., Aquaculture degree awarded by University of Madras is not equivalent to M.Sc., Zoology and to quash the same and direct the respondents to pass an order the qualification M.Sc., Aquaculture is equivalent to M.Sc., Zoology.

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| For Petitioner | .. Mr. S. Pushpakaran                   |
| For R1         | .. Mr. K. Surendharan, AGP              |
| For R2 & R3    | .. Mr. R. Karthikeyan, Standing Counsel |

### ORDER

The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner sought permission of this Court to withdraw this Writ Petition and he has also made the following endorsement to that effect:

*“Petition may be dismissed as withdrawn with liberty”*

2.In view of the endorsement made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Writ Petition stands dismissed as withdrawn. No costs. Consequently, connected Writ Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

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Index:Yes/No  
Neutral Citation:Yes/No  
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**C.V.KARTHIKEYAN,J.**

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