



W.P.No.30702 of 2023

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20.10.2023

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.SANJAY V.GANGAPURWALA, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

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J.Pregash Kumar

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Union of India
Rep. by its Secretary to Government
Ministry of Education
North Block, New Delhi.
2. Pondicherry University
Rep. by its Registrar
R.V.Nagar, Kalapet, Pondicherry.
3. The Executive Council
Rep. by its Ex-Officio Chairman
The Vice Chancellor
Pondicherry University
R.V.Nagar, Kalapet
Pondicherry.
4. The Vice Chancellor
Pondicherry University
R.V.Nagar, Kalapet
Pondicherry.

.. Respondents



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Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to constitute a search cum selection committee for the appointment of a regular Vice Chancellor to the Pondicherry University, in terms of S.13 of the Pondicherry University Act, 1985 and Clause (1A) of the Statutes of the Pondicherry University.

For the Petitioner : Mr.Sharath Chandran

For the Respondents : Mr.K.Srinivasamurthy
Senior Panel Central Govt. Standing
Counsel
for R1

Mr.Singaravelan
Senior Counsel
for Mr.Balamurugan
for R2 to R4

ORDER

(Made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Heard Mr.Sharath Chandran, learned counsel for the petitioner, Mr.K.Srinivasamurthy, learned Senior Panel Central Government Standing Counsel for respondent 1 and Mr.Singaravelan, learned Senior Counsel for Mr.Balamurugan, learned counsel for respondents 2 to 4.



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2. We are not inclined to entertain the present petition as a public interest litigation. The fourth respondent cannot be considered to be an appropriate party and no relief is claimed as against the fourth respondent.

3. Learned Senior Counsel appearing for respondents 2 to 4 submits that within a period of four weeks, the University would nominate its Members to the Search Committee.

4. In view of the aforesaid submission, the writ petition stands disposed of. There will be no order as to costs. Consequently, W.M.P.No.30364 of 2023 is closed.

(S.V.G., CJ.)

(D.B.C., J.)

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