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W.P.No.18594 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05.07.2024

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE ANITA SUMANTH

W.P.No.18594 of 2024
& W.M.P.No.20385 of 2024

Indira Gandhi Jeyanthi Memorial Educational,
Cultural and Charitable Trust
Rep by its Secretary
Mr.K.C.R.Devandranath
No.291/88E, Gingee Road
Tindivanam – 604 001
Villupuram District.

.. Petitioner

VS

- 1.The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep by its Principal Secretary
Department of Higher Education
Fort St.George, Chennai – 600 009.
 - 2.The Director of Collegiate Education
Institute of Advance Study in Education Campus
577, Anna Salai, Saidapet
Chennai – 600 015.
 - 3.The Joint Director of Collegiate Education
Vellore Region
Vellore District – 635 006.
 - 4.Annamalai University
Rep. by its Registrar
Annamalai Nagar
Chidambaram
Cuddalore District – 608 002
- Respondents

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Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a writ of mandamus directing 1st and 2nd respondents to consider the petitioner's application/representation dated 17.06.2020 seeking for permission to change the name of the College as 'Indira Gandhi- Jayanthi Memorial Arts and Science College, Kilgudalore



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Village, Melpettai post, Tindivanam, Villupuram District' from the academic year 2020-2022 so as to enable the petitioner to run the institution as a co-educational institution.

For Petitioner : Mr.Godson Swaminathan
for M/s. Issac Chambers

For Respondents : Mr.C.Jayaprakash (R1 to R3)
Government Advocate
Mr.S.Sithirai Anandam (R4)

ORDER

The petitioner is the Indira Gandhi Jeyanthi Memorial Educational Cultural and Charitable Trust, which claims to be managing educational institutions.

2. The petitioner has, thus far been providing education to female students from the lower economic strata. It now desires to open its doors to male students as well. An application was made on 17.06.2020 to R1 seeking to change name of the college such that it includes the word 'co-education' therein, seeking approval for admission to male students.

3. While there has been some progress in that the application has moved from one official to another, there has been no finality reached, paving the way for this writ petition, wherein the petitioner seeks a mandamus directing R1 and R2 to consider its representation and to permit it to run the educational as a co-educational institution.

4. Mr.C.Jayaprakash, learned Government Advocate, accepts notice for R1 to R3 and Mr.S.Sithirai Anandam, learned counsel, accepts notice for R4. Both are armed with necessary instructions to enable a



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final disposal of this matter now.

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5. While Mr.C.Jayaprakash, would agree that the application would be disposed in accordance with law and extant rules and regulations within a period of four weeks from date of receipt of a copy of this order, learned counsel for R4 would only plead that there should be no admission of male students by the institution, till the application is decided. This is a reasonable request which this Court accedes to.

6. Hence mandamus is issued to official respondents / R1, R2 to dispose application of the petitioner dated 17.06.2024, after hearing the petitioner and in accordance with law and all applicable rules and regulations, within a period of four weeks from date of receipt of a copy of this order and admit male students to the institution subject to the result of the application.

7. Writ petition stands disposed in terms of this order. No costs. Connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Index:Yes/No
Neutral Citation:Yes
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