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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 01.02.2024

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

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

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B.Ramkumar Adityan : Petitioner
versus

- 1.The Principal Secretary
Higher Education Department
Chennai - 600 009.
- 2.The Secretary
University Grants Commission(UGC)
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110 002.
- 3.The Joint Secretary
Distance Education Bureau
UGC No.35 Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi - 110 001.
- 4.The Secretary and Director General
Department of Agricultural Research & Education
Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare
- 5.The Secretary
Bar Council of India (BCI) 21,Rouse Avenue
Institutional Area Near Bal Bhawan
New Delhi - 110 002.
- 6.The Member Secretary
All India Council for Technical Education(AICTE)
Nelson Mandela Marg
Vasant Kunj New Delhi - 110070.



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7.The Registrar
Annamalai University
Annamalai Nagar - 608 002.

8.The Director
Directorate of Distance Education
Annamalai University,
Annamalai Nagar - 608 002.

: Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus forbearing the respondents no. 7 and 8 to conduct Prohibited programmes under online, open and distance education mode (ODE) as per rules 2(z) of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations 2020 published in the Gazette on 04.09.2020 and consequently direct the respondents no. 7 and 8 to withdraw the prohibited degrees awarded in Law Agriculture and Engineering and refund the collected fee from the students without any deduction within stipulated time.

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Antony Jesus

For Respondents 1 and 4 : Mr.C.Kathiravan,
Special Government Pleader

For Respondent No.5 : Mr.S.R.Raghunathan

For Respondents 2 & 3 : Mrs.V.Sudha

For Respondents 6, 7 : Mr.S.Sithira Anandhan

ORDER

(Made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Learned counsel for the petitioner, on instructions, submits that respondents 7 and 8 have stopped the prohibited programmes under online, open and distance education mode.



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2. In light of that, nothing survives for adjudication in the writ petition. The writ petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, WMP Nos.21326, 21328 of 2021 are closed.

(S.V.G., CJ.)

(D.B.C., J.)

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