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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10.04.2024

CORAM :

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

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE J.SATHYA NARAYANA PRASAD

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Pondicherry University Non-Teaching
Staff Welfare Association
Rep. by its President K.Kaliaperumal
S/o. Kaliappan
Registration No.237 of 1989
Basement Floor, Administrative Block
R.Venkataraman Nagar
Kalapet, Puducherry 605 014.

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1. Pondicherry University
Rep. by its Registrar (i/c)
R.V.Nagar, Kalapet
Puducherry 605 014.
2. The Vice Chancellor
Pondicherry University
R.V.Nagar, Kalapet
Puducherry 605 014.
3. The Secretary
Department of Higher Education
Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD)
Government of India, Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi 110 001.



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4. University Grants Commission
Rep. by its Secretary
Bhagadurshah Zafar Marg
New Delhi 110 002.

5. Dr.B.Chitra

.. Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to fill up the vacancies in the post of Registrar and Controller of Examination for which advertisement No.PU/RC/2020/37 dated 08.09.220 was issued by the 1st respondent to appoint the Registrar In Charge from among the eligible persons in terms of Recruitment Rules and to issue fresh advertisement and complete the recruitment process of the Registrar and Controller of Examination within the time frame stipulated by this Court.

For the Petitioner : Mr.Balan Haridas

For the Respondents : Mr.V.Balamurugane
for Respondents 1 & 2

Mr.Rabu Manohar
for Respondent-3

Mrs.V.Sudha



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for Respondent-4

ORDER

(Made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

We have heard Mr.Balan Haridas, learned counsel for the petitioner, Mr.V.Balamurugane, learned counsel for the respondents 1 and 2, Mr.Rabu Manohar, learned counsel for the third respondent and Mrs.V.Sudha, learned counsel for the fourth respondent.

2. Under order dated 11.03.2024, we had observed that the University is functioning without a regular Vice Chancellor and a regular Registrar. We had directed the in-charge Vice Chancellor to proceed ahead for filling the post of Registrar as contemplated under the statute. The publication was already given inviting applications for the post of Registrar. The candidates are also shortlisted on 17.08.2023. We had observed that there is no necessity to stall the process of appointment of Registrar only because the regular Vice Chancellor demitted office. We had also observed that in case the Selection Committee is not constituted, the same shall be constituted



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immediately as provided under the statute. We had directed the in-charge Vice Chancellor to do the needful.

3. Learned counsel for the University submits that now the Selection Committee has been constituted and letter has been issued for conduct of interview on 6th and 7th of April, 2024. However, on 04.04.2024, a letter was again issued to the candidates stating that interview is postponed due to administrative exigencies. Learned counsel submits that because of the ensuing elections, the same is postponed.

4. We fail to understand the said reason for postponing the interviews. We had directed the respondents to continue with the selection process of the Registrar as it was commenced more than six months back. However, there is no headway.

5. The interview shall be conducted by the end of May, 2024 and the entire selection process for the appointment of Registrar shall be concluded by 30th June, 2024.



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6. With these directions, the writ petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, W.M.P.No.21905 of 2021 is closed.

(S.V.G., CJ.)

(J.S.N.P., J.)

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Neutral Citation : Yes/No

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