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W.P.No.24454 of 2021

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06.08.2024

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.D.KRISHNAKUMAR
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P.B.BALAJI

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The World Tamil Research Trust
Rep. by its Chairman C.Kanagaraj
No.261/127, 1 Floor, Rohit Tower,
Angappa Naicken Street, Parrys Corner,
Chennai-600 001.

... Petitioner

-VS-

1. The Government of Tamil Nadu,
Tamil and Information Department,
The Ministry of Culture,
Rep. by its Secretary, Fort St.George,
Chennai-600 009.
2. The Chief Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu,
Fort St.George,
Chennai-600 009.
3. The Union Ministry of Art and Culture,
Rep. by its Principal Secretary,
C-Wing, Shasthri Bhawan,
New Delhi-110 015.
4. The Union Ministry of Finance,
3rd Floor, Jeevan Deep Building,
Sansad Marg, New Delhi,
Delhi-110 001.



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5. The Home Minister,
Rep. by its Secretary,
Union of India, New Delhi-110 001.

6. The Ministry of Civil Aviation,
Rep. by its Secretary,
Room No.274 B-Block,
Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan,
SJ Airport New Delhi-110 003.

7. The Archaeological Survey of India,
24, Tilak Marg, Bhagwan Das Lane,
Mandi House, New Delhi-110 001.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petitions filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to establish Chennai based Tamil University as Head Quarter with the management of renowned Tamil Scholars with autonomous power.

For Petitioner	:	Mr.C.Kanagaraj Party-in-person
For R1 & R2	:	Mr.A.Edwin Prabhakar State Government Pleader
For R3 to R7	:	Mr.A.Kumaraguru, Spl.Counsel

ORDER

(By the Hon'ble Acting Chief Justice)

This Writ Petition has been filed for a direction to the respondents to establish Chennai based Tamil University as Head Quarter with the management of renowned Tamil Scholars with autonomous power.



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2. When the matter is taken up for hearing, learned State Government Pleader, by referring to the counter affidavit affirmed by the Secretary to Government, Tamil Development and Information Department, Chennai, contended that a Tamil University was already formed in the year 1981 at Thanjavur and it has been functioning effectively for Tamil Research and Development as on date. He further contended that the Directorate of Tamil Development, International Institute of Tamil Studies, Tamil Etymological Project, Tamil University, Madurai Ulaga Tamil Sangam have been effectively functioning under the able administrative control of the 1st respondent herein. Therefore, he prayed that the prayer sought for in this Writ Petition is not at all warranted.

3. On going through the counter affidavit, it is seen that effective steps were already taken for development of Tamil language and exclusive Tamil University had also been established for the above purpose. Moreover, further establishment of Tamil University or any other establishment falls within the purview of the policy decision to be taken by the Government and this Court cannot compel the Government to take a decision in a particular manner. For the said reason, we are not inclined to issue a direction as sought by the petitioner.



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4. In fine, this Writ Petition is dismissed. No costs.

[D.K.K.,ACJ.] [P.B.B,J.]
06.08.2024

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To:

1. The Secretary,
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2. The Chief Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu,
Fort St.George, Chennai-600 009.

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