



W.P.Nos.30566 and 31098 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12.01.2024

CORAM :

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

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

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A.Anand

.. Petitioner in
W.P.No.30566/2023

Dr.Jerome Samraj

.. Petitioner in
W.P.No.31098/2023

Vs

- 1.The Secretary to Government (Higher Education),
Department of Higher Education,
Ministry of Education,
New Delhi.
- 2.Pondicherry University,
rep. by its Registrar,
Pondicherry University,
Puducherry.
- 3.The Vice Chancellor,
Pondicherry University,
Puducherry.



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4.Prof. Gurmeet Singh,
Vice Chancellor,
Pondicherry University,
Puducherry.

.. Respondents in
both WPs

Prayer in W.P.No.30566 of 2023: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of declaration declaring the actions of the third respondent in his capacity as in-charge Vice Chancellor consequent upon the expiry of his regular term on 23.11.2022, as illegal as per the communication of the Ministry of Human Resource Department, Department of Higher Education in proceedings F.No.52-4/2019-CU.III dated 6.3.2020 and consequently direct the first respondent to expedite the process of appointment of regular Vice Chancellor to the second respondent University within a reasonable time to be fixed by this Court.

Prayer in W.P.No.31098 of 2023: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of declaration to declare that the process of selections made to the statutory posts after September, 2023 in the second respondent University by the incumbent care-taker Vice Chancellor, the third respondent herein, just one month prior to the expiry of his extended tenure as Vice Chancellor, contrary to the first respondent's directives in proceedings in Letter No.F.No.52-4/2019-CU.III dated 6.3.2020 as illegal.



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For the Petitioners
in both WPs

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For the Respondents
in both WPs

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in W.P.No.30566 of 2023

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in W.P.No.31098 of 2023

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for respondents 2 and 3

: Mr.Srinath Sridevan
Senior Counsel
for Mr.V.Balamurugan
for respondent No.4

COMMON ORDER

(Order of the court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Learned counsel for the petitioners seeks leave to withdraw
the writ petitions.



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2. In fact, under order dated 19.10.2023 passed in W.P.No.30566 of 2023, we had directed the petitioner therein to deposit Rs.1 Lakh so as to test the bona fides and, as such, security cost is imposed upon the petitioner.

3. As on the last date none appeared for the petitioners, we had kept these matters today. Today, a request is made to withdraw the writ petitions.

These writ petitions are dismissed as withdrawn. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, W.M.P.Nos.30195, 30197, 30723 and 30725 of 2023 are closed.

(S.V.G., CJ.)

(D.B.C., J.)

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