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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 21.02.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.V.KARTHIKEYAN

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AND WMP NO.6888 OF 2024

- 1.Shameer Ahamed A
- 2.Prabu V.K.
- 3.Shangarlingam S.
- 4.Sheelapriya S.
- 5.Mathuabirami V.
- 6.Indhuja S.
- 7.Amaladeepan N.

... Petitioners

VS.

- 1.The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. By its Agricultural Production
Commissioner & Secretary to Government
Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department
Fort St. George, Chennai.
- 2.The Department of Agriculture
Chepauk, Chennai.
- 3.The Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission
Represented by its Secretary
and Controller of Examination
TNPSC Road, VOC Nagar,
Park Town, Chennai – 3.



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4. The Registrar
Tamil Nadu Agricultural University
Coimbatore.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records on the file of the 3rd respondent in Proc. NIL, Agricultural Officer (Extension), Assistant Director of Agriculture (Extension) included in the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Extension Service and Horticultural Officer included in the Tamil Nadu Horticultural Service, LIST-OCV-Phase-II dated 17.02.2024 and to quash the same as illegal, incompetent and without jurisdiction and direct the respondents 1 to 3 to consider the applications of the petitioner for appointment to the post of Assistant Director of Agriculture (Extension).

For Petitioner	:	Ms.K.Abhirame
For Respondents 1&2	:	Mr.V.Nanmaran Additional Government Pleader
For Respondent 3	:	Mr.Abrar Mohamed Abdullah
For Respondent 4	:	Mr.S.Manikandan

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed in the nature of a Certiorarified Mandamus seeking records relating to the Proceedings of the third respondent in Proceedings NIL, Agricultural Officer (Extension), Assistant Director of Agriculture (Extension) included in the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Extension Service and Horticultural Officer included in the Tamil Nadu Horticultural Service, LIST-OCV-Phase-II



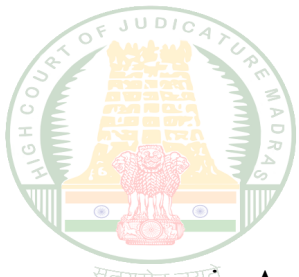
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dated 17.02.2024 and to quash the same.

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2.In the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, it had been stated by the writ petitioners that all of them had completed their B.Sc. in Agriculture and M.Sc. in Agricultural Extension and Communication and were eligible to be appointed as Assistant Director of Agriculture (Extension). They had studied at the Universities in Madurai, Coimbatore and Killiklam (Extension Education). A notification had been issued by the third respondent inviting applications for the posts of Agricultural Officer (Extension), Assistant Director of Agriculture (Extension) and Horticulture Officer. The petitioners had applied for these posts, but their educational qualifications were subjected to verification and the respondents refused to consider the certificates provided by the petitioners.

3.It is now contended on behalf of the petitioners that the Government had passed an order in G.O.(Ms.) No.173, Agriculture – Farmers Welfare (AU) Department, dated 07.08.2024 wherein it had been stated that (i) M.Sc., Agriculture in Economics awarded by the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University is equivalent to M.Sc., (Agriculture)

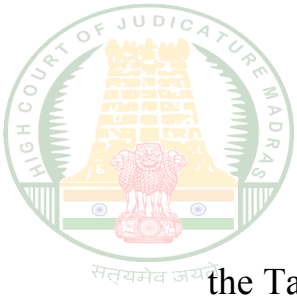


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in Agricultural Economics / M.Sc., Agricultural Economics for the post of Assistant Director of Agriculture (Extension) in the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Extension Service; (ii) M.Sc., (Agriculture) in Agricultural Extension and Communication awarded by the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University is equivalent to M.Sc., (Agriculture) in Agricultural Extension/ M.Sc., Agricultural Extension for the post of Assistant Director of Agriculture (Extension) in the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Extension Service; and (iii) M.Sc., (Agriculture) in Extension Education awarded by the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University is equivalent to M.Sc., (Agriculture) in Agricultural Extension / M.Sc., Agricultural Extension for the post of Assistant Director of Agriculture (Extension) in the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Extension Service.

4.In effect, the qualifications acquired by the petitioners are sufficient to be considered for further selection processes for the posts of Agricultural Officer (Extension) in the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Extension Service, Assistant Director of Agriculture (Extension) in the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Extension Service and Horticultural Officer in



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the Tamil Nadu Horticultural Service.
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5.The issue raised in the writ petition has been addressed by the Government through the passing of the aforementioned Government Order. It is contended that the petitioners were also called for the oral test, but subject to the result of this writ petition.

6.Since the qualifications acquired by the petitioners are deemed equivalent to the qualifications required by the respondents, as stated in their notification, no further orders are required to be passed in the writ petition. The respondents may proceed further with the recruitment process and the petitioners may also be considered for the posts they had applied, if they are otherwise eligible.

7.Accordingly, the writ petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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