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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: **16-04-2025**

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**THE HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE N. MALA**

**WP No. 9251 of 2025**

**and**

**WMP.No. 10367 of 2025**

Dr.Devika

..Petitioner

Vs

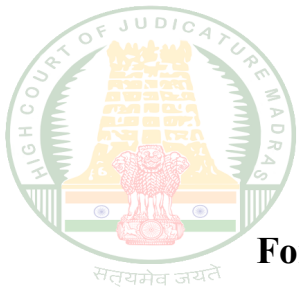
1. The Chairman  
Equivalence Committee/ Principal Secretary, Government  
Of Higher Education Department, Chennai.

2. The Principal  
Arulmigu Planiandavar College Of Arts  
And Culture,  
Dindigul Road, Palani-624 601.

3. The Registrar  
Madurai Kamaraj University,  
Palkalai Nagar, Madurai 625 021.

..Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India praying for issuance of writ of mandamus, directing the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to issue an equivalency certificate that the M.Sc., Material Science and Technology which is offered by the Pondicherry University is equivalent to M.Sc., Physics by considering the representation dated 04.12.2024 and pass such further or other orders.



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**For Petitioner:** Mr. T.Leninkumar

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**For Respondents:** M/s. S.Indhubala, AGP - R1  
Mr.R. Bharanidharan – R2  
Mr.D.Ravichander, Standing Counsel -R3

### **ORDER**

Prayer in the writ petition is to direct the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to issue an equivalence certificate that the M.Sc., Material Science and Technology which is offered by the Pondicherry University is equivalent to M.Sc., Physics, by considering the representation submitted by the petitioner on 04.12.2024.

2. The case of the petitioner is that the petitioner joined Master of Science in Material Science & Technology at Pondicherry Engineering College. The petitioner completed her post graduation with distinction in May 2012. The petitioner applied for the post of Assistant Professor of Physics, at Arulmigu Palaniandavar College of Arts and Culture, which is a Government aided College affiliated with Madurai Kamaraj University. She was called for interview, which was scheduled to be held on 07.10.2024, with instruction to bring all her original certificates and the petitioner also produced all the original certificates at the time of interview. While so, the Tamil Nadu State



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Council for Higher Education, informed the petitioner that her post graduate degree in M.Sc., Material Science and Technology was not equivalent to M.Sc Physics as per G.O.(Ms) No.193 dated 07.08.2019. The petitioner made several attempts to establish her case, but all her efforts were in vain as the college refused to accept the same. The petitioner therefore submitted a representation on 04.02.2024, to the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to issue equivalence certificate. Since no action was taken, the petitioner filed the present writ petition.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that it would suffice if a direction is issued to the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to consider and pass orders on the representation submitted by the petitioner on 04.12.2024, within a time frame stipulated by this Court.

4. Considering the limited prayer sought for by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court, without going into the merits of the case, directs the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to dispose the representation submitted by the petitioner on 04.12.2024, and pass orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of eight (8) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



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**N.MALA, J**

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5. With the above directions, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

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