



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10-12-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

WP No. 32645 of 2022 & 28761 of 2022

and

W.M.P.Nos.28052, 28054 & 32048 of 2022

Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS),
(Deemed to be University),
Rep. by its Registrar Dr.P.Saravanan,
Velan Nagar, P.V.Vaithiyalingam Road,
Pallavaram, Chennai 600 117.

Petitioner(s) in both W.P's

Vs

1. National Assessment and Accreditation Council,
Rep. by its Director,
P.O.Box No. 1075,
Nagarbhavi,
Bangalore 560072,
Karnataka India.

2.The University Grants Commission,
Rep. by its Chairman,
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg,
ITO Metro Gate,
No.3, New Delhi - 110002.

(R2 Suo motu impleaded vide order dated 30.01.2023
in W.P.Nos.32645 & 28761 of 2022)

Respondent(s) in both W.P's

Prayer in W.P.No.32645 of 2022: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the
Constitution of India to issue writ of Declaration, declaring that as per Chapter
IV clause 3(a) of Institutional Accreditation Manual for Self Study Report of



Universities, 2019 of the Respondent, any University shall apply for reassessment after 1 year and before 3 years of its existing accredited cycle and the restriction specified in Chapter IV clause 3(b) of the same Manual applies only to the subsequent fresh cycle and thus the petitioner Institution is eligible for re-assessment of its cycle-2 accreditation valid till 27.03.2024 and pass such further order

(and)

to issue writ of declaration to declare that the embargo placed on the number and period of inspection of the Higher Education Institutions by the Institutional Accreditation Manual for Self Study Report of Universities, 2017 and 2019, of the respondent is violative of Article 19(1)(g) of the Constitution of India and has to be read down in view of the UGC Recognition and Monitoring of Assessment and Accreditation Agencies Regulation, 2018, Categorization of Universities [only] for grant of Graded Autonomy Regulation, 2018 and Institution deemed to be Universities Regulation, 2019, and pass such further order

(and)

to issue writ of declaration declaring that Chapter IV Clause 3(b) of the respondent Manual, 2019, relates only to the time frame for making application from the 2nd cycle for accreditation/assessment and does not relate to re-assessment and pass such further orders.

Prayer in W.P.No.28761 of 2022 Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue writ of certiorified mandamus, to call for the entire records relating to the impugned communication dated 18.08.2022 of the respondent and quash the same and consequently direct the respondent to conduct inspection by facilitating Peer Team visit in the petitioner University and accord accreditation to the petitioner University, after granting due opportunity of hearing to the petitioner University and to complete the process



within a stipulated time.

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In both W.P's
For Petitioner(s): Mr.N.Muralikumaran
for MC GAN Law Firm
For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Veeramani
Standing Counsel

COMMON ORDER

When the matter came up for hearing, learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner institution would submit that they have already received the Certificate of Accreditation from the respondents and nothing survives for adjudication in the writ petition.

2. Recording the above submission, both the Writ Petitions are dismissed as infructuous. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No



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