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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23.10.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR.MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,

CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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and WMP No.44011 of 2025

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.. Petitioner

-VS-

1. University of Madras
Chepauk, Chennai 600 005,
Rep. by its Registrar.
2. Vice Chancellor Syndicate Committee,
University of Madras,
Chepauk, Chennai 600 005.
3. The Director,
Ramanujan Institute for Advance Study
In Mathematics (RIASM),
University of Madras,
Chepauk, Chennai 600 005.
4. The Secretary to Government,
Higher Education Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai 600 009.



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5. The Secretary to Government,
Finance Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai 600 009.
 6. The Secretary to Government,
Social Welfare and Women Empowerment
Department, Fort St. George,
Chennai 600 009.
 7. The Commissioner of Social Welfare,
Chennai 600 005.
 8. The Managing Director,
Tamilnadu Working Women's Corporation
Limited, Chennai 600 005.
 9. Tamilnadu Police Housing Corporation Limited,
No.132, E.V.R.Salai (Poonamallee High Road),
Near G-3 Police Station, Kilpauk,
Chennai 600 010.
 10. The Department of Expenditure,
Ministry of Finance, Government of India,
New Delhi.
- .. Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus forbearing the respondents herein from constructing a working women hostel and a hostel for Girls for all educational institutions on the campus of the Ramanujan Institute for advance study in mathematics (RIASM), Chepauk, Chennai-600005 and consequently direct the respondents to protect and preserve the Ramanujan Institute for advance study in mathematics (RIASM), Chepauk, Chennai 600 005, without altering its academic nature.



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For Petitioner : Mr.K.Rajasekaran

For Respondents : Mr.J.Ravindran
Addl. Advocate General
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: Mr.A.Selvendran,
Special Govt. Pleader for R-4
: Mr.Azizullah Khan,
Addl. Advocate General for R-5
: Mr.M.Habeeb Rahman
Govt. Advocate for RR 6 to 8
: Mr.S.Santhosh
Standing Counsel for R-9

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ORDER

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

This petition is as frivolous as it could be. The construction of Hostel for Working Women and for Girls for providing residential facility to the students is taken a strong exception by the petitioner, who is a student, on his own figment of imagination, having no basis, that it will otherwise affect the advanced studies in Mathematics going on in the institution established in a huge campus running in 3.38 acres, out of which, a small portion is proposed to be used for construction of hostel



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for working women/girls.

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2. The Public Interest Litigation has been filed without any research and only to waste the time of the Court. We can only observe that the entire basis of the petition that using a small portion of land for construction of hostel will affect the academic activities of Ramanujan Institute for Advances Study in Mathematics (RIASM), to say the least, is completely baseless. There is nothing in the petition which shows that the academic activities of RIASM would be adversely affected.

3. It is unfortunate that some elements, in order to forestall public work, have misled the petitioner, a student, to file the PIL before this Court on such frivolous issues.

4. Petition is dismissed. Though we are inclined to impose heavy exemplary costs, considering that the petitioner is a student, we are inclined to impose a nominal cost of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) payable to the Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority, within a period of one month from today. The interim application stands



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closed.

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The petitioner is to not indulge in filing such frivolous petition and concentrate more on his studies.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ.) (G.ARUL MURUGAN, J.)
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Index : Yes/No

Neutral Citation : Yes/No

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