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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 02.06.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE VIVEK KUMAR SINGH

W.P.(MD) No.14935 of 2025

and

WMP (MD) No.11164 of 2025

The Secretary
St.Joseph's College (Autonomous)
Tiruchirappalli – 625 002
Tiruchirappalli

: Petitioner

Vs.

1. The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by its Principal Secretary,
Department of Higher Education,
Fort St.George, Chennai - 600 009.

2. The Commissioner of Collegiate Education,
Saidapet,
Chennai - 600 015.

3. The Joint Director of Collegiate Education,
Tiruchirappalli Region,
Tiruchirappalli,
Tiruchirappalli District - 620 023.

: Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petitions filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the third respondent



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Joint Director to disburse the grant-in-aid towards their salary and other allowances to the 10 Assistant Professors with effect from the respective dates of their appointment till 30.09.2022.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Ragatheesh Kumar
for M/s.Isaac Chambers

For Respondents : Mr.M.Siddharthan
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a writ of mandamus, directing the third respondent/Joint Director to disburse the grant-in-aid towards their salary and other allowances to the ten Assistant Professors with effect from the respective dates of their appointment till 30.09.2022.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Government Pleader, appearing on behalf of the respondents. By consent of both parties, the Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.



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3. When the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned counsels on both sides, submitted that the issue involved in this writ petition is squarely covered by the order of this Court dated 30.04.2025, passed in W.P.(MD) No.13663 of 2025 (***The Secretary Vs. The State of Tamil Nadu, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education***). The relevant portion of the order is extracted hereunder:

“On careful perusal of the materials available on record, it appears that the third respondent granted approval order dated 13.10.2022, wherein, the approval was granted with effect from the date of the appointment of the said Assistant Professors. As and when approval is granted with effect from their date of appointment, the action of the third respondent in disbursing the salary only from the month of October, 2022 is illegal, unjust and in violation of Article 21 of the Constitution of India. Further the action of the third respondent in not considering the representations dated 25.01.2025 and



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01.02.2025 of the petitioner is unjust.

5. For the reasons stated above, this writ petition is allowed with a direction to the third respondent to disburse those arrears of salary admissible to the five Assistant Professors as mentioned in the writ petition, who are all appointed as Assistant Professors in the petitioner college, for the period from the date of their appointment to 30.09.2022 with all attendant and consequential benefits within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.”

4. In view of the same, by following the order stated supra, this Writ Petition is allowed with the following direction:

The third respondent shall disburse those arrears of salary admissible to the ten Assistant Professors as mentioned in the writ petition, who are all appointed as Assistant Professors in the petitioner college, for the period from the date of their appointment to 30.09.2022



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with all attendant and consequential benefits within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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