



W.P.(MD).No.14808 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 28.05.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI

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and

W.M.P.(MD).Nos.11106 and 11107 of 2025

Maj.Dr.K.R.Ajeendra Nath,
Associate Professor and
Head of Department of Malayalam,
S.T.Hindu College, Nagercoil,
Kanyakumari District – 629 002.

.. Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Director of Collegiate Education,
College Road,
Chennai - 600 006.
- 2.The Joint Director of Collegiate Education,
Tirunelveli Region,
Tirunelveli – 627 002.
- 3.The Manonmaniam Sundaranar University,
Represented by its Registrar,
Abishekapatti,
Tirunelveli – 627 012.
- 4.The Chairman/ Secretary,
S.T. Hindu College,
Nagercoil,
Kanyakumari District - 629 002.

.. Respondents



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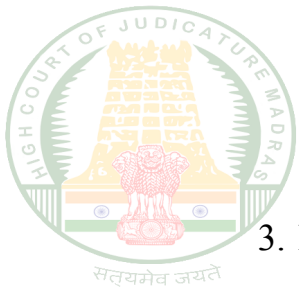
PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of Mandamus, directing the fourth respondent College, namely, S.T. Hindu College, Nagercoil, Kanyakumari District to promote the petitioner as the Principal of College as per Rule 11(4) of The Tamil Nadu Private Colleges (Regulation) Rules, 1976.

For Petitioner : Mr.Xavier Rajini
for Mr.R.Murugan
For R-1 & R-2 : Mr.P.Thambidurai
Government Advocate
For R-3 : Mr.Mahaboob Athiff
Standing Counsel
For R-4 : Mr.V.Panneer Selvam

ORDER

By consent of both sides, this Writ Petition is taken up for disposal at the stage of admission itself.

2. This Writ Petition is filed seeking to direct the fourth respondent College, namely, S.T. Hindu College, Nagercoil, Kanyakumari District to promote the petitioner as the Principal of College as per Rule 11(4) of the Tamil Nadu Private Colleges (Regulation) Rules, 1976.

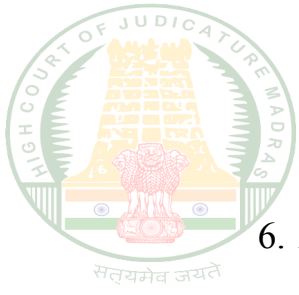


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3. Mr.P.Thambidurai, learned Government Advocate, takes notice for the respondents 1 and 2. Mr.Mahaboob Athiff, learned Standing Counsel, takes notice for the third respondent. Mr.V.Panneer Selvam, learned counsel, takes notice for the fourth respondent.

4. The anticipation of the learned counsel for the petitioner is that the fourth respondent College may negate the petitioner's seniority and consider the candidates, who are juniors than him, to the post of Principal.

5. The petitioner had already made a representation to the respondents on 22.05.2025 and had also made an application for the post of Principal on 19.03.2025. In view of the same, this Court hereby directs the fourth respondent to consider the petitioner's application dated 19.03.2025 and consider the case of the petitioner for being appointed as Principal in terms of the Tamil Nadu Private Colleges (Regulation) Rules, 1976 and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law within a period of one (1) week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Till such time, let the fourth respondent College not appoint any other person to the post of Principal.



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6. Accordingly, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no

order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

28.05.2025

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Note: Issue order copy by 29.05.2025

To

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