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WP No.11655 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED :27.03.2026

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THE HONOURABLE Ms. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

W.P.No.11655 of 2026

V.Sangeetha

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Secretary to Government
Department of Higher Education
St.George Fort, Chennai.
- 2.The Chairman
Teachers Recruitment Board (TRB)
DPI Compound
College Road, Chennai.
- 3.The Director of Collegiate Education
No.577, Anna Salai, Saidapet
Chennai – 600 015.
- 4.The Regional Joint Director
Collegiate Education
Katpadi, Vellore District.
- 5.The Principal
Government Thirumagal Mill's College
Gudiyatham.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 4 and 5 to issue teaching experience certificate for the period he served as a Guest



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Lecturer that is 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 (13) years on the basis of the representation given by the petitioner on 19.02.2026 in addition to the certificates issued earlier dated 14.11.2025 and pass orders.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Rajagopal
For Respondents : Mr.M.R.Gokul Krishnan
Additional Government Pleader
for R1 to R5

ORDER

The writ petition has been filed seeking a mandamus to the respondents 4 and 5 to issue teaching experience certificate for the period the petitioner had served as Guest Lecturer, based on her representation dated 19.02.2026.

2. It is the case of the petitioner that after completing her M.Phil., degree in the year 2008, she joined as Guest Lecturer in the Department of Botany in Government Thirumagal Mills College, Gudiyattam and had put in 18 years of service. The petitioner would submit that despite she having served for 18 years in the above institution as Guest Lecturer, she had been provided with the Teaching Experience Certificate only for 5 years i.e., 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 by the 5th respondent-College, vide certificate dated 14.11.2025 and was ignored for 13 years. When she approached the 4th and 5th respondents to include her



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teaching experience for the periods viz., 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, the same was ignored without any valid reasons. Therefore, the petitioner had submitted her representation on 26.11.2025 to the respondents seeking to provide Teaching Experience Certificate including the 13 years service. The same was not considered by the respondents.

3. The petitioner contends that if she would have been provided with Teaching Experience Certificate at that point in time, she would have got a fair chance of getting selected to the post of Assistant Professor called for by the TRB during the year 2019, 2024 and 2025. The petitioner would further submit that the Teachers Recruitment Board is now going to recruit Assistant Professors from the Guest Lecturers and she intends to apply for the same. Therefore, the petitioner had submitted a representation to the respondents on 19.02.2026 seeking to issue Teaching Experience Certificate for those period of 13 years viz., 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, she served as a Guest Lecturer. However, the same was not considered to date. Hence, the petitioner is before this Court.



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4. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that similarly placed person had approached this Court in WP.No.2441 of 2021 and obtained an order on 11.02.2021, in which the learned Judge has disposed of the writ by placing reliance on the dicta laid down in W.P.No.18186 of 2013. Hence, this Court may issue directions to the respondents herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated 19.02.2026, in line with the orders of this Court in W.P. No.2441 of 2021.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also taking into account that the petitioner's representation is already pending before the authorities concerned, this Court directs the 4th and 5th respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 19.02.2026 and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, after affording an opportunity of hearing, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of this order.

6. With the above direction, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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