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WP No. 9852 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

**WP No. 9852 of 2026 and
W.M.P.No.10622 of 2026**

Jayasuriya J
S/o.M.Jeyachandran
Plot No.7,8, PM Mahal Main Road
Adukkamparai
Vellore District Pin -632 011

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Tamilnadu Public service
Commission(TNPSC)
Rep by its Secretary
TNPSC Road, VOC Nagar,
Park Town, Chennai-600 003
2. Chennai Metropolitan Development
Authority(CMDA)
Rep by its Member Secretary
Thalamuthu Natarajan Maligai
No.1, Gandhi Irwin Road,
Egmore, Chennai-600 008
3. The Tamilnadu State Council for Higher
Education, Rep by its Member Secretary
Lady Willington college campus
Kamarajar salai,Triplicane, chennai-600 008
4. Indian Institute of Technology
Rep by its Registrar
Sardar Vallabhai Patel Road
Chennai-600 036

..Respondent(s)



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Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the 3rd respondent to issue equivalence certificate to the effect that MTech Civil Engineering (Specialization in Transportation Engineering) awarded by the 4th respondent as an equivalent educational qualification (M.Plan in Transport planning) prescribed for the post of Assistant Planner in the office of 2nd respondent within a time frame.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Shivram

For Respondent(s): Mr.K.Karthik Jagannath for R1
Mr.B.Sanja Balanchandar for R2
Mr.S.Rajesh for R3
Government Advocate

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the 3rd respondent to issue equivalence certificate to the effect that MTech Civil Engineering (Specialization in Transportation Engineering) awarded by the 4th respondent as an equivalent educational qualification (M.Plan in Transport planning) prescribed for the post of Assistant Planner in the office of 2nd respondent within a time frame.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has completed his Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch) from the School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada. Thereafter, the petitioner pursued Post Graduation at IIT, Madras and completed M.Tech in civil engineering



from Indian Institution of Technology. While so, the 1st respondent issued notification inviting applications to fill up various posts, one such post is Assistant Planner. Since the petitioner possesses the required qualification, the petitioner applied for the post. The petitioner attended the written examination and qualified on merit and applied for equivalence certificate in respect of B.Arch qualification and upon due consideration, the 3rd respondent issued an equivalence in respect of B.Arch qualification. Further, the petitioner has sent detailed syllabus of M.Tech (transportation engineering) from IIT Madras and syllabus of M.Plan (Transport planning) from school of Planning and Architecture Delhi to the 3rd respondent, however, the decision has not been taken by the respondent, hence the present writ petition.

3. The learned counsels appearing for the respondents would submit that the petitioner himself applied before the 3rd respondent for equivalence certificate and the matter is pending before the 3rd respondent.

4. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned counsels appearing for the respondents and perused the documents placed on record.



5. It is pertinent to point out that the petitioner possessed the required qualifications specified in the notification issued by the 1st respondent for the post of Assistant Planner in the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority. The petitioner possessed Bachelor of Architecture from the School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada and Post graduation at IIT, Madras and completed M.Tech in Civil Engineering (Specialisation in Transportation Engineering) from Indian Institute of Technology, Madras. Further, the petitioner applied for issuance of equivalence certificates in respect of both the qualifications, viz., Under Graduation and Post Graduation on 23.05.2025 before the 3rd respondent. Upon due consideration, the 3rd respondent issued an equivalence certificate dated 19.06.2025 recognising the petitioner's B.Arch Degree. However, informed that the syllabus and course structure of Post graduation should be compared with the equivalent course offered by Anna University, however, Anna university does not offer M.Plan in transport planning or any identical transport specialisation for comparison, therefore, the petitioner has sent detailed syllabus of M.Tech (Transportation Engineering) from IIT Madras and syllabus of M.Plan (Transport Planning) from School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi. In spite of the same, no decision has been arrived at by the 3rd respondent.

6. Considering the above said facts and circumstances of the case, there shall be direction to the 3rd respondent to pass appropriate orders on the



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petitioner's application/Email dated 04.06.2025 with regard to the equivalence certificate for petitioner's M.Tech Civil Engineering (Specilization in Transportation engineering) awarded by the 4th respondent to that of M.Plan in Transport Planning) prescribed for the post of Assistant Planner within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

With the above said direction, the present Writ Petition stands disposed of. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed. No costs.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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