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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

**WP No. 10335 of 2026
& WMP.No.11206 of 2026**

1. S.B.Yasin
S/o.A.S.Basha,
No.4/358, Kartharapatty,
Papinaickanpatty Post,
Palakode Taluk,
Dharmapuri District - 636 808.
2. R.Murugan
S/o.A.Ramalingam,
No.36/73-A, Annamalai Gounder Street,
Dharmapuri - 636 701.
3. R.Ramesh
S/o.S.Ramadas,
No.7/76, ATC Nagar,
Dasanaickanpatty,
Salem - 636 201.
4. Bharathiya Electricity Engineers Association,
Rep. No.202/2016,
Rep. by its General Secretary,
E.Natarajan,
No.2/3, State Bank Street, Anna Salai,
Chennai - 600 002.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Chairman Cum Managing Director
Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation
Ltd., 144, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600 002.
2. The Chief Engineer / Personnel
Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation
Ltd., 144, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600 002.



3. The Secretary
Higher Education Department,
Government of Tamilnadu,
St. George Fort, Chennai - 600 006.
4. The Chairman
All India Council for Technical Education,
Nelson Mandela Marg,
New Delhi - 110 070.
5. The Chairman
University Grants Commission,
Bahadurshah Zafar Marg,
New Delhi - 110 002.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking for a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the 3rd respondent to consider the representation submitted by the 4th petitioner dated 06.12.2019, 22.12.2025 and 26.02.2026 and thereby evolve a methodology to conduct a Special Test to those who have completed their Diploma through Distance Education, so as to validate their diploma, as was done to the Degree holders as per the direction issued by the Honourable Supreme Court vide SLP No.19807-19808 of 2012 dated 03.11.2017 and thereby allow the petitioners 1 to 3, for further promotions from the date of obtaining their Diploma on par with their junior.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.Muralikrishnan

For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Nikkhilesh Athav
for Mr.K.Raj Kumar,
Standing Counsel for R1 and R2
Mr.M.R.Gokul Krishnanm,
Special Government Pleader for R3

**ORDER**

The petition has been to direct the 3rd respondent to consider the representation submitted by the 4th petitioner dated 06.12.2019, 22.12.2025 and 26.02.2026 and thereby evolve a methodology to conduct a Special Test to those who have completed their Diploma through Distance Education, so as to validate their diploma, as was done to the Degree holders as per the direction issued by the Honourable Supreme Court vide SLP No.19807-19808 of 2012 dated 03.11.2017 and thereby allow the petitioners 1 to 3, for further promotions from the date of obtaining their Diploma on par with their junior.

2.When the matter was taken up for hearing, it was brought to the notice of this Court that for the very same relief, the petitioners had earlier filed a writ petition in W.P.No.1002 of 2022 before this Court. This Court, by an order dated 02.12.2025, dismissed the said writ petition and directed the petitioners to go before the AICTE. Suppressing the same, this Writ Petition has been filed.

3.Since, once again, the very same relief has been sought for by the petitioners before this Court, this writ petition stands dismissed. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition stands closed. No costs.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No
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