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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02-04-2026

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

WP No. 10381 of 2026

Dr.V.Vaithianathan
Asst. Professor,
Department of Economics,
Periyar University,
Salem-11,
Salem District

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Principal Secretary to Government,
Higher Education Department,
St. George Fort,
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.
2. The Periyar University
Rep. by its Registrar,
University Campus,
Periyar Palkalai Nagar,
Salem - 636 011.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: This writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ of Mandamus directing the 2nd respondent to extend service of petitioner as Teaching Staff and allow him to work till the end of Academic Year i.e. on 30.06.2026 with all consequential service benefits.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.R.Jothimanian

For Respondent(s): Mr.M.R.Gokul Krishnan AGP
Mr.K.Krishnan,
for M/s.Isaac Chambers for R2



ORDER

This writ petition is filed to direct the 2nd respondent to extend the service of the petitioner as Teaching Staff and allow him to work till the end of Academic Year i.e. on 30.06.2026 with all consequential service benefits.

2. It is the case of the petitioner that the petitioner was appointed as Assistant Professor in Economics Department of the second respondent University on 24.06.2005 by the second respondent. From the date of appointment, the petitioner has been working in the said department in the Periyar University, Salem. Though the petitioner is going to attain the age of superannuation on 31.03.2026, he is entitled to continue his service till the end of the Academic year i.e., 30.06.2026 as per Rule 2 (i) of the Statutes of Periyar University. Seeking extension of service, the petitioner made a request to the second respondent vide representation dated 18.02.2026 and reminder dated 25.02.2026. However the same has not been considered. Hence, the present writ petition.

3. Heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials available on record.

4. Considering the relief now sought for by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court, without going into the merits of the case, directs the



second respondent to consider the petitioner's representation, on merits and in accordance with law and to pass appropriate orders, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

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2. The Registrar,
The Periyar University
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