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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K.SURENDER

W.P.No.18751 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA010808912026}

B.Madhumitha

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Dental Council of India,
   Rep. By its President,
   Ministry of Health and Family Welfare,
   Government of India,
   National Dental Commission Building,
   Plot No.14, Sector -9, R.K.Nagar,
   New Delhi 110 022.

2. The Registrar (FAC),
   The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R.Medical University,
   No.69, Anna Salai, Guindy, Chennai 600 032.

3. The Principal / Dean,
   Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Dental Sciences,
   GST Road, Chinna Kolambakkam,
   Palayanoor Post, Madhuranthagam Taluk,
   Chengalpet District 603 308.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ, calling for the entire records culminated in the impugned Letter No.DCI/Admission/Admsn/BDS/Clg/371/2017-18/2026/10531, dated 23.02.2026 passed by the 1st respondent to permit the petitioner to rejoin BDS course in the 3rd respondent college from 4th year semester with any necessary penalty.

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For Petitioner(s): Mr.Yuvaraja

For Respondent(s): Mr.Hariradha Krishnan for R2

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking to quash the impugned letter/communication in No.DCI/Admission/Admsn/BDS/Clg/371/2017-18/2026/10531, dated 23.02.2026, issued by the 1st respondent, whereby the petitioner was informed that, in accordance with the 7th Amendment to the Dental Council of India Revised BDS Course Regulations, 2007, which came into force on the date of its notification in the Official Gazette of India (i.e., 27th April, 2015), a student is required to complete the BDS Course, including the internship, within a period of nine years from the date of admission, failing which, he/she shall be discharged from the course.

2.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner could not appear for her examinations due to health issues. However, when this Court questioned the learned counsel as to whether there is any provision empowering the authority to extend the period of nine years prescribed for completion of the BDS Course, the learned counsel submitted that there is no such provision or regulation or rule.

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3.This Court, exercising its jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, cannot increase the time limit fixed by the Dental Council of India for completion of the BDS Course, particularly when there is no provision empowering the authority to grant such an extension.

4.Accordingly, this Writ Petition stands dismissed. 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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