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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.SENTHILKUMAR

WA No. 600 of 2023

and

CMP Nos. 5829 & 5831 of 2023

H.Suriyakala
No. 23, Thooratty Village, Katarydam Post,
The Nilgiris District.

..Appellant(s)

Vs

1. The Chief Educational Officer
Udhagamandalam, The Nilgiris District.
2. The District Educational
Officer, Coonoor, The Nilgiris District.
3. Secretary,
N.S.Iyah Memorial Higher Secondary School
(Aided), Nanjan Sogathorai, Katarydam Post,
The Nilgiris District.
4. State Of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by its Secretary to Government, School
Education Department, Secretariat, Fort St.
George, Chennai - 600 009.
5. Teachers Recruitment Board,
Rep. by its Chairman, College Road,
Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600 006.
6. Union Of India,
Rep. by its Secretary to Government,
Department of School Education and Literacy,
Ministry of Human Resource Development,
217-C, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.



7. National Council For Teachers Education,
Rep. by its Member Secretary, G-7, Sector
-10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110 075.

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..Respondent(s)

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Writ Appeal filed under Clause 15 of Letters Patent to set aside
the orders passed by the Hon'ble Court in WP No.2832/2016 dated
04.08.2022

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For Appellant(s): Mr.G.Sankaran,
Senior Counsel for
Mr.Nedunchezhiyan

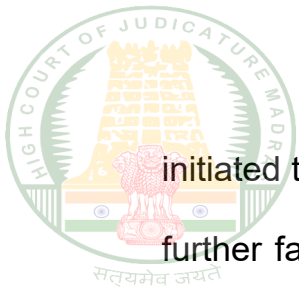
For Respondent(s): Dr.R.Gouri,
Government Counsel for R1, R2 & R4
Mr.C.Kathiravan,
Standing Counsel for TRB for R5
Mr.J.Harikrishna,
Standing Counsel for NITE for R7

Judgment

(Judgment of the Court was delivered by S.M.Subramaniam J.)

The present writ appeal has been instituted to assail the writ order
dated 04.08.2022 passed in W.P.No.2832 of 2016.

2. Writ Petitioner is the appellant herein. Writ Petition has been
instituted seeking approval of appointment of the petitioner as Tamil Pandit in
a Government Aided Higher Secondary School. The appellant was appointed
as Tamil Pandit in the year 2012 and the essential qualification of passing of
Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) was introduced in the year 2009. Since the
appellant did not possess the requisite qualification of TET, action was



initiated to terminate her service and the appellant approached this Court. The further fact remains that the appellant was relieved from the post in the year

2020, in view of the fact that the Hon'ble Supreme Court held that passing of Teacher Eligibility Test as contemplated under the statutes is mandatory.

3. Learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the appellant would submit that the Hon'ble Supreme Court in a Review Petition (Civil) Diary No.53434/2025 reported in 2026 INSC 597 has passed further orders by extending the time granted in paragraph No.217 of **Anjumanjuman Ishaat-e-Taleem Trust v. State of Maharastra¹** for in-service teachers to acquire TET qualification from 2 (two) to 3 (three) years, i.e, the qualification has to be obtained by 31st August, 2028 instead of 31st August 2027 as originally directed.

4. However, the learned Government Counsel opposed by stating that the appellant is not an in-service candidate and left the service in the year 2022 itself.

5. In view of the above factual and legal position, this Court is not inclined to interfere with the writ order impugned. Therefore, the Writ Appeal stands dismissed. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

(S.M.S.,J.) (N.S.,J.)
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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order

¹ 2025 SCC Online SC 1912



Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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