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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03.11.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

W.A.No.3325 of 2026

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CNR:{HCMA012527362026}
&
C.M.P.No.29577 of 2026

1. The Registrar
   The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University,
   Poompozhil Campus,
   5, Dr. DGS Dinakaran Salai,
   State Bank of India Colony,
   Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai,
   Greater Chennai,
   Tamilnadu 600 028.

2. The Chairman (Law Admissions)
   The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University,
   Poompozhil Campus,
   5, Dr. DGS Dinakaran Salai,
   State Bank of India Colony,
   Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai,
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Appellant(s)

Vs



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1. K Subramania Nadar Vadivoo Ammal
   Educational Trust
   Rep by its Managing Trustee Running,
   Thangapazham Law College,
   Madurai Tenkasi Main Road,
   Subramaniapuram, Vasudevanallore,
   Tenkasi 627 758.

2. The Secretary to Government
   Law Department, Government of Tamil Nadu,
   Fort St. George, Chennai 600 009.

3. The Secretary
   Bar Council of India,
   21, Rouse Avenue Institution Area,
   New Delhi 110 002. Respondent(s)

Prayer :Appeal filed under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent seeking to set aside the order dated 20.08.2026 passed in W.P.No.28802 of 2026.

For Appellant(s): Mr. Vijay Narayan
Advocate General
Assisted by Mr.S.Siva Shanmugam

For Respondent(s): Mr.AR.L.Sundaresan
Senior Advocate
For Mr. C.T.Murugappan for R1
Mr.L.Gokulraj
Additional Government Pleader for R2

JUDGMENT
(Judgment of the Court was delivered by
G.Arul Murugan,J)

This intra-court appeal assails the order dated 20.08.2026 passed in W.P.No.28802 of 2026, whereby the order passed by



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appellant University dated 10.07.2026 was set aside and the University was directed to issue a show cause notice and take an appropriate decision after affording an opportunity to first respondent College.

2. Appellants are mainly aggrieved by the directions issued by the learned Single Judge in paragraph 18 with regard to the extent of penalty to be imposed, if the University intends to invoke Clause 11 of the Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University (Affiliation and Approval of Law Colleges) Regulations, 2025.

3. In view of the consent expressed by learned Advocate General appearing for appellant University and learned Senior Counsel appearing for the first respondent College, the further directions issued by the learned Single Judge as to how the Clause 11 of the Regulations has to be dealt with while imposing penalty in paragraph 18, which reads as under:

> *"18. .... If the 1st respondent intends to invoke Clause 11 of the Regulation against the petitioner for violation of Clause 4.4 of the Regulation, any penalty amount, not less than a sum of Rs.4,00,000/-, shall be imposed. On the other hand, if any*



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*necessity arise for withdrawal of affiliation of the petitioner-College, the 1st respondent shall proceed with the same after a thorough consideration."*

are deleted, leaving it open to the University to consider the reply to be submitted to the show cause notice.

5. In view of the above, appellant University will now issue a show cause notice and on receipt of the reply from first respondent College, the University would consider the reply and pass orders in accordance with law and Regulations, after affording an opportunity to first respondent College.

6. At this juncture, learned Senior Counsel appearing for first respondent College submits that appellant University had subsequently granted temporary affiliation for the academic years 2026-27 and 2027-28, allowing first respondent College to admit 120 students in 5-year B.A., LL.B. Course and 120 students in the 3-year LL.B. Course, for which, the Bar Council of India had also granted approval on 22.06.2026 for the academic year 2026-27. For admitting students for the academic year 2026-27, learned Senior Counsel submits that though the College is proceeding with admission regarding the



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management quota, since first respondent College is not listed on the Government portal, for admitting students under Government quota, the University may be directed to take immediate steps to include the College on the portal.

7. Learned Advocate General appearing for appellant University submits that in view of the temporary affiliation granted to first respondent College by appellant University for 2026-27 and also Bar Council of India has granted approval, a pragmatic view will be taken and an appropriate decision will be implemented in a short time.

8. Learned Senior Counsel appearing for first respondent College undertakes that they will not pursue or press the contempt petition.

9. The writ appeal stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, the interim application is closed.

(SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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