



W.P(MD)No.15699 of 2026

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 23.06.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR**

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PSN Institute of Technology and Science,
rep. its Chairman
melathediyoore,
Palayamkottai Taluk,
Tirunelveli - 627 152.

... Petitioner

vs.

1. Anna University,
rep. by its Registrar,
Chennai - 600 025.

2. University Grants Commissioner,
rep. by its Secretary,
Behadur Shah Zafar Marg,
New Delhi - 110 002.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the 1st respondent herein to scrupulously adhere to Regulation 4.2 of University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status upon colleges and measures for maintenance of standards in autonomous colleges) Regulations 2023 and forthwith notify the autonomous status granted to the Petitioner College in the order of the 2nd respondent University Grants Commission in No.F.2-10/2023(AC-Policy) dated 16.04.2026 in line with the judgment rendered in W.A. No.51 of 2020 as confirmed in S.L.P. (Civil) Nos. 8324-8325 of 2020.



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For Petitioner :Mr.T.Pon Ramkumar

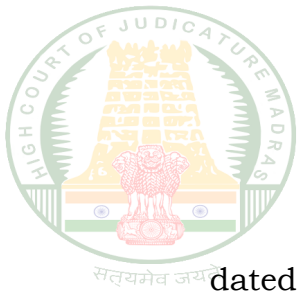
For Respondents :M/s H.Jasima Yasmin Mr.C.P.Selvin
for M/s Ajmal Associates

ORDER

The petitioner has approached this Court seeking a direction to the first respondent to issue a notification recognising the autonomous status conferred upon the petitioner-college by the second respondent, namely, the University Grants Commission.

2.It is submitted that the second respondent, by proceedings dated 16.04.2026, granted autonomous status to the petitioner-college for a period of five years, commencing from the academic year 2026–2027 and continuing up to the academic year 2030–2031, in terms of Clause 7.4 of the UGC (Conferment of Autonomous Status upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2023.

3.Learned counsel for the petitioner placed reliance on the judgment of the Division Bench of this Court in W.A. No.51 of 2020



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dated 14.02.2020, wherein it was held that once autonomous status is conferred by the University Grants Commission, the State Government is required to issue the consequential notification without undue delay.

4.In view of the above, and following the law laid down by the Division Bench, the first respondent is directed to issue the notification recognising the autonomous status granted to the petitioner-college on or before 22.07.2026.

5.With the above direction, the writ petition stands disposed of.
There shall be no order as to costs.

Index :Yes / No
Internet :Yes / No
NCC :Yes / No

23.06.2026

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To

1.The District Collector,
The Collectorate,
Pudukkottai District.

2.The Block Development Officer,
Ponnamaravathi Panchayat Union,
Ponnamaravathi Taluk,
Pudukkottai District.



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