



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19-01-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

**WP No. 1173 of 2026
and
WMP.No. 1371 of 2026**

Dr.R.Venkatesan

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State of TamilNadu
Rep.by the Secretary to Government,
Youth Welfare and Sports Development
Secretariat, Chennai -600 009.
2. Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports
University,
Rep. by its Registrar, Melakottaiyur(PO),.
Chennai -600 127.

..Respondent(s)

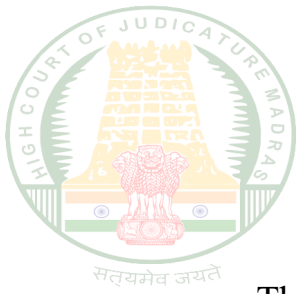
Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of writ of mandamus, directing the 2nd Respondent to include the name of the Petitioner in the list proposed to be placed in the syndicate.

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.P.H.Aravind Pandian, Senior Counsel for
Mr.A.T.Nagendran

For Respondent(s):

Mr.P.Ganesan
Additional Government Pleader for R1



ORDER

This Writ Petition is filed seeking issuance of writ of mandamus, directing the 2nd Respondent to include the name of the Petitioner in the list proposed to be placed in the syndicate.

2. Considering the limited prayer sought for and since no adverse order is going to be passed, notice to the 2nd respondent is dispensed with.

3. With the consent of the learned counsel appearing on either side, this Writ Petition is taken up for disposal at the admission stage.

4. Learned Senior counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is working as a Professor and Head of the Department of Exercise Physiology and Biomechanics in the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University / 2nd respondent and is the senior-most faculty member and possessing more than 25 years of continuous regular teaching experience. The petitioner was awarded National Level Junior Research Fellowship and completed Ph.d. in the year 2008. Learned senior counsel for the petitioner would further submit that as per Section 22 of the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University Act, 2004, as amended, three members are required to be nominated to the Syndicate from among senior faculty with high

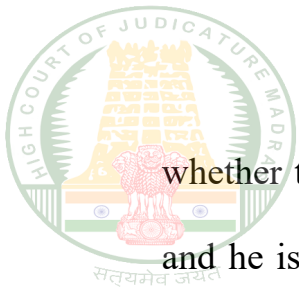


qualification from the Departments of the University, strictly “by rotation according to seniority,” on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor and nomination by the Chancellor and there is no discretion to deviate from seniority while making such nominations for appointment as a Syndicate member.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner would further submit that the petitioner being the senior most and fully eligible faculty to be nominated as a Syndicate member but, the respondent decided to appoint a junior most member hence, this Court may permit the petitioner to make a representation within a period of one week before the first respondent and direct the 1st respondent to consider the same and pass appropriate orders within a specified time.

6. Learned Additional Government 1st respondent would submit that the if any such representation is made by the petitioner, the respondents will consider the same and pass appropriate orders within a specified time.

7. In view of the same, the petitioner is directed to make a representation before the 1st respondent within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. If any such representation is made, the 1st respondent is directed consider the same and pass appropriate orders within a period of two weeks thereafter, after call for remarks from the 2nd respondent and find out



whether the petitioner is a senior most faculty in the 2nd respondent University and he is eligible under Section 22 of the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University Act, 2004 for nomination as Syndicate member or not.

8. This Writ Petition is disposed of with the above terms. No costs.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

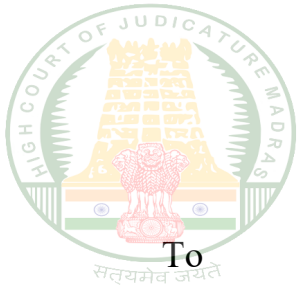
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