



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21-01-2026

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**THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN**

**CMP No. 1334 of 2026
IN
WA NO. 170 OF 2026**

The Registrar
Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal
Sciences University, Madhavaram Milk
Colony, Chennai-51.

Appellant(s)

Vs

R. Richard Churchil,
S/o. T.Richard Nelson (Late), No.
34/28, 5th Trust Cross Street,
Mandaveli, Chennai-28. AND 2
OTHERS

Respondent(s)

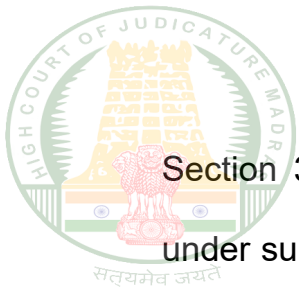
For Appellant(s): Mr.S.Vijaya Kumar, Senior
Counsel For Mr.K.N.Pandian

For Respondent(s): Mr.K.Suresh, Govt. Advocate
For R2.

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by S.M.Subramaniam J.)

“University” has been defined under Section 2(q) of the Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University Act, 1989. “University” means the Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University established under



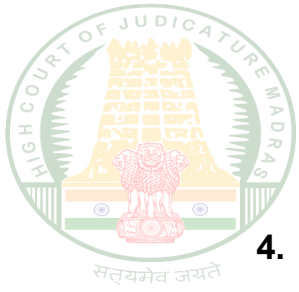
Section 3 of the Act. Regulations notified in exercise of powers conferred under sub-Section (4) of Section 48 read with sub-Section (1) of Section 40 of the Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University Act, 1989 vide G.O.Ms.No.49, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, dated 19th September 1990 would provide requisite qualification for recruitment for University officers. The eligibility for appointment to the post of Dean are

(i) *Ph.D. Degree*

(ii) *20 years of total service inclusive of 5 years of experience as Professor in the University with basic degree of B.V.Sc./ B.V.Sc. & A.H. for Veterinary and Animal Sciences/ Basic Sciences Faculties.*

2. Regulations in unambiguous terms stipulate “experience as Professor in the University”. “University” has been defined as stated above. The Regulation does not say that experience in “any University” Therefore, it is to be understood that the experience must be in the University which means the Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University established under Section 3 of the Act.

3. Even as per the writ petitioner he possessed 15 years of experience in the University that is Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University and five years of experience from other University. Therefore, the said 5 years cannot be reckoned as eligible qualification for the purpose of selection to the post of Dean in view of the Regulations.



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4. Thus, there shall be an order of interim stay of the injunction order made in W.M.P.No.760 of 2026 in W.P.No.38250 of 2025 dated 08.01.2026.

5. Mr.K.Suresh, learned Government Advocate takes notice for the 2nd respondent.

6. Notice to the respondents 1 and 3 returnable in four weeks. Private notice is also permitted.

(S.M.SUBRAMANIAM J.)(C.KUMARAPPAN J.)
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1.R. Richard Churchil,
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2.State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Principal Secretary to
Government, Animal Husbandry,
Dairying, Fisheries and Fishermen
Welfare Department, Secretariat,
Chennai-09.

3.University Grants Commission
(UCG)
Rep. by its Chariman, Bahadur Shah
Zafar Marg, New Delhi-02.



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