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W.P.No.7284 of 2021

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 15.09.2025

**CORAM :
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH**

Writ Petition No.7284 of 2021
and
WMP (CrI).No.171 of 2025
and
WP.Nos.28770, 28773 and 28774 of 2025

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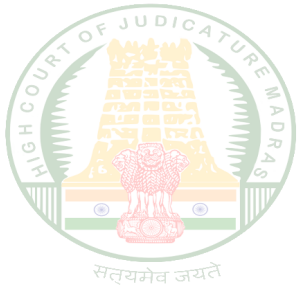
..Petitioners

. Vs.

1. Director General of Police
Tamil Nadu Police Department
Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai
Mylapore
Chennai 600004. and Others

..Respondents

(R1 DELETED VIDE ORDER DT 22/3/2021
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For Petitioner(s) : Ms.Vadhana Bhaskar
for Mr.S.Manuraj

For Respondent(s) : Mr.R.Muniyapparaj
Additional Public Prosecutor
for R1, R2, R3, R6, R7 & R30

Mr.Sriram Panchu
Senior Counsel
for M.Aprameya
for R27

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for Mr.R.Ramasamy
for R26

Mr.V.Chandrasekaran
Senior Panel Counsel
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R19, R20, R22, R23 & R32

Mr.K.Chandrasekar for R8

for R4 & R5 – No appearance

Ms.Subharanjani for R13

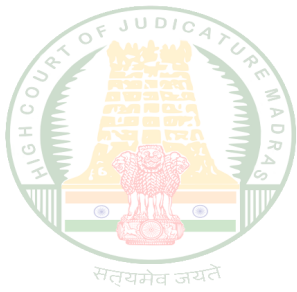
Mr.R.Thirunavukarasu for R17

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for R29 & R31

Mr.B.Rabu Manohar for R21

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for R28



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ORDER

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Draft Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Rules, Sensitisation of Teachers and the Transgender Persons Policy:

Mr.R.Muniyapparaj, learned Additional Public Prosecutor seeks for sometime to file a detailed response for the queries that were raised by this Court in the earlier order dated 04.08.2025. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor also sought for sometime to address the issue that has been raised in WMP (CrI).No.171 of 2025, wherein the petitioner has sought for a direction to create a State Government website which will have gender identity options and which will enable transgender persons to obtain binary male/female identity certificate in accordance with Section 7 of the Transgender Persons [Protection of Rights] Act, 2019 [hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') and also to identify transgender certificate for those who are desirous of obtaining only transgender in accordance with Section 6 of the Act and modify the thirunangai App of the Government of Tamil Nadu to include recognition of male and female binary markers and transgender marker [M, F, T] in addition to thirunangai, thirunambi and intersex markers.

National Medical Commission

2.The learned Standing Counsel appearing on behalf of the National Medical Commission seeks for sometime to file the status report based on the earlier order passed on 09.06.2025.



WEB COPY 3.The learned counsel appearing on behalf of R.28 seeks for sometime to file the response for the module that was prepared by NCERT.

4.The learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the Tamil Nadu State Medical Council (R26) submitted a status report along with a copy of two circulars each dated 12.09.2025 issued by the Tamil Nadu Medical Council. The relevant portions in the status report are extracted hereunder.

Steps Taken

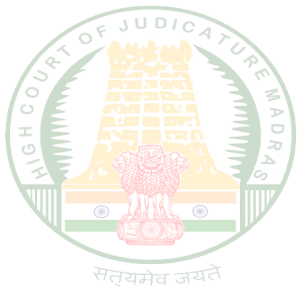
3. It is most respectfully submitted that the following are the steps taken in this regard:

A. Professional Conduct

3.1. The Council issued a circular on 12.09.2025 to all registered practitioners reiterating:

(i) The prohibition of coercive or conversion therapy, in line with judicial pronouncements and NMC directions.

(ii) The duty to provide healthcare without discrimination. Complaint involving discriminatory behaviour are being taken up as priority cases by the Disciplinary Committee.



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B. Guidance to Practitioners

3.2. Registered practitioners were reminded of their obligations under the Council's Code of Ethics, particularly regarding non-discrimination, informed consent, and confidentiality in dealing with transgender and intersex patients.

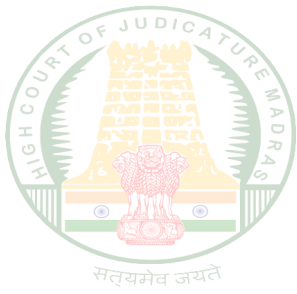
C. Sensitization through CME

3.3. In furtherance of the directives of the Honourable High Court and in alignment with the Tamil Nadu State Policy for Transgender Persons 2025, the Council issued Circular No. TNMC/CME/C. No: 1/2025 dated 12.09.2025 to all recognised CME Programme Conductors.

3.4. The circular mandates the incorporation of sensitization sessions on transgender health, rights, and inclusive medical practice, as well as updating of LGBTQIA+ issues within CME activities.

3.5. These sessions are to address:

- (i) Ethical and legal responsibilities in non-discriminator healthcare.
- (ii) The prohibition of coercive practices including so-called "conversion therapy".
- (iii) Best practices in medical education and clinical care for transgender and gender-diverse persons.
- (iv) Perspectives shared by members of the transgender and LGBTQIA+ community, where feasible.



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3.6. Compliance reports are to be furnished within 30 days of programme completion, and the Council will monitor implementation and verification.

Future Plans

4. It is submitted that the Council proposes to conduct a webinar during October 2025.

4.1. The objective of the webinar is to sensitize medical professionals and students on matters relating to transgender health and rights, to reinforce ethical and legal responsibilities in the provision of non-discriminatory healthcare, to introduce best practices in inclusive medical education, and to facilitate constructive engagement with the transgender community.

4.2. The expected outcome is enhanced awareness, strengthened professional responsibility, and improved capacity to implement inclusive practices in medical education and healthcare delivery.

5. The above stand taken by the Tamil Nadu Medical Council is recorded and this Court appreciates the efforts taken by the Tamil Nadu Medical Council to reiterate their earlier position that there is prohibition of coercive or conversion therapy and complaints involving discriminatory behaviour will be taken up on priority basis by the Disciplinary Committee. The Medical Council



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has also brought in sensitization programme through continuous medical education. This step taken by the Tamil Nadu Medical Council will enhance the awareness and also strengthen the professional responsibility and improve the capacity to implement inclusive practices in medical education and healthcare delivery.

6.The learned Senior Panel Council appearing on behalf of the respondents in WP.Nos.28770, 28773 and 28774 of 2025 seeks for sometime to file counter in these writ petitions.

7.Registry is directed to print the name of Ms.Kanmani, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners in WP.Nos.28770, 28773 and 28774 of 2025 for R.28.

8.Post these writ petitions under the caption 'For Passing Further Orders' on 24.10.2025 at 2.15 p.m.

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To

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Thallakulam Police Station, Madurai.

4. The Inspector Of Police,
Avaniyapuram Police Station, Madurai.

5. Secretary To Government, Home Department,
Government Of Tamil Nadu, Fort St. George, Chennai 600009, Tamil Nadu,
India.

6. Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Legal Services
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7. Secretary To Government, Ministry Of Law,
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8. Secretary Government Of India, Ministry Of Social Justice And
Empowerment, Shastri Bhavan, Dr. Rajendraprasad Road, New Delhi-110001.

9. The Director,
Social Justice And Empowerment, Shastri Bhavan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New
Delhi 110 001.

10. Chairman, National Medical Commission,
Dwaraka, New Delhi-110077.

14. Indian Psychiatric Society,
Represented By Its Plot 43, Sector 55, Gurugram, Haryana, India, Pin 122003.

12. Member Secretary, Rehabilitation Council Of India,
B-22, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi-110 016.

13. Joint Secretary, Department Of Higher Education,
Government Of India, 122-c, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001.



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14. Joint Secretary, Department Of School Education
And Literacy, 217-c, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi- 110001.

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16. Secretary To Government, Higher Education Department,
Government Of Tamil Nadu, Fort St. George, Chennai 600 009, Tamil Nadu, India.

17. The Secretary, University Grants Commission(UGC),
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi.

18. Advisor-1 (approval) All India Council For
Technical Education, 7th Floor, Chandralok Building, Janpath, New Delhi.

19. The Director, National Council Of Educational
Research And Training(NCERT), Sri Aurbindo Marg, New Delhi.

20. Secretary To Government,
Union Of India, Ministry Of Health And Family Welfare, Nirman Bhavan, Near Udyog
Bhavan Metro Station, Mouland Azad Road, New Delhi-110001.

21. The Secretary, Ministry Of Women And Child Development,
Government Of India.

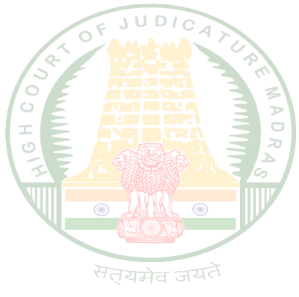
22. The Secretary, Ministry Of Home Affairs,
Ministry of Home Affairs, Connaught Place, New Delhi -110 001.

23. The Tamil Nadu State Medical Council,
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24. The Social Welfare And Women
Empowerment Department, Government Of Tamilnadu, Chennai.

25. The Secretary, Government Of India,
Ministry Of Education, New Delhi.

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