



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22-04-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 14974 of 2026

P.Perichi Gounder Memorial Charitable
Trust,
Represented by its Managing Trustee, Mr.
L.P. Thangavelu, PPG College of
Occupational therapy, 9/1, keeranatham
Road, Saravanampatti,
Coimbatore 641 035.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical
University
Rep. by its Registrar, No.6, Anna Salai,
Guindy Chennai 600 032.

2.The Government of Tamil Nadu
Rep by Principal Secretary, Health and
Welfare Department, Chennai 600 009.

3.The Tamil Nadu State Allied
Healthcare Council,
Rep by its Secretary, The Director of
Medical Education, Kilpauk, Chennai
600010.

4.The National Commission of Allied
and Healthcare Council,
Represented by its Secretary, 2nd Floor,
Academic Block, NIHFV campus
Munirka, New Delhi.

5.The Director,
Directorate of Medical Education,
Kilpauk, Chennai 600 010.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, calling for the records of 1st Respondents in Impugned Letter Lr.No.Affln.III(1)/22938/2025 and Lr.No.Affin.III(1)/22744/2025 both dated 03.03.2026 and quash the same and direct the 1st Respondent University to



accept the necessary documents and the prescribed fees from the petitioner and to grant permission to increase the seats in the B.O.T.(Bachelor of Occupational Therapy) and also direct the 1st Respondent to grant permission to start M.O.T(Master of Occupational Therapy) courses in the petitioner institution and issue certificate of Registration for starting M.O.T degree Course in PPG College of Occupational Therapy, from the year 2026-2027 without insisting upon the State Government order.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Raveekumar

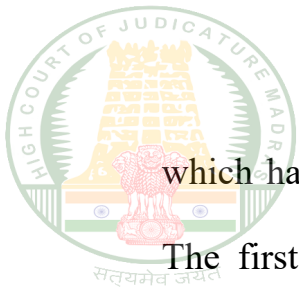
For Respondent: Mr.M.Sivavarthan for R1
Mr.K.Tippu Sulthan for R2 to R5
Government Advocate

ORDER

By consent of both parties, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

2. This writ petition has been filed to quash the letters of the 1st Respondents in Lr.No.Affln.III(1)/22938/2025 and Lr.No.Affin.III(1)/22744/2025 both dated 03.03.2026 and direct the 1st Respondent University to accept the necessary documents and the prescribed fees from the petitioner and to grant permission to increase the seats in the B.O.T.(Bachelor of Occupational Therapy) and also direct the 1st Respondent to grant permission to start M.O.T(Master of Occupational Therapy) courses in the petitioner institution and issue certificate of Registration for starting M.O.T degree Course in PPG College of Occupational Therapy, from the year 2026-027 without insisting upon the State Government order.

3. It is the case of the petitioner that the petitioner is a Managing Trustee



which has established and running the PPG College of Occupational Therapy.

The first respondent University is duly granted affiliation to the college of Occupational Therapy to start B.O.T. Course from the year 2021. The certificate of registration was also issued by the Registrar of the first respondent University. The petitioner made application on 17.02.2026 for increase in intake in B.O.T Course from 50 to 100 seats and also for new start of M.O.T. Course which was rejected by the impugned letters on the ground that petitioner has not obtained essentiality certificate. Challenging the said letters, the present writ petition has been filed.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the issue raised in the writ petition is no longer res integra and is covered by judgment of the Division Bench of this Court in W.A.Nos.3213, 3277 & 3678 of 2025 and WP.No.40016 of 2025 dated 02.12.2025, wherein, this Court vide paragraphs Nos.36 & 37 has invoked the Doctrine of Necessity and directed the respondents to process the applications made by the existing institutions seeking additional intake in the existing course without insisting for Essentiality Certificate from the Government of Tamil Nadu.

5. The learned counsel for the first respondent submitted that in respect of starting of new courses of approved curricula, either in existing allied and health care institutions or in new allied and healthcare institutions, essentiality



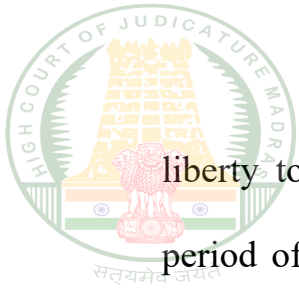
certificate has to be necessarily obtained as per the letter of National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Profession (NCAHP) dated 08.04.2026

the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. In respect of the increase in intake, the respondent University will pass orders as per the directions passed by this Court in W.A.Nos.3213, 3277 & 3678 of 2025 dated 02.12.2025 (Union of India vs. Sri Rengaswamy Educational Trust and others)

6. At this juncture, the learned counsel counsel for the petitioner submitted that with respect to starting new course, he may be permitted to file a fresh application and the same may be considered and orders be passed within a reasonable time as fixed by this Court.

7. Heard both sides and perused the materials placed on record.

8. I perused the letter of National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Profession (NCAHP) dated 08.04.2026. As rightly pointed out by the learned counsel for the first respondent clause 4.3 stipulates that with regard to the starting of new courses of approved curricula, either in existing allied and health care institutions or in new allied and healthcare institutions, essentiality certificate has to be necessarily obtained and the learned counsel for the petitioner also now seeks liberty to file a fresh application with regard to starting of new courses, in such view of the matter, the petitioner is granted



liberty to file fresh application seeking for starting of new courses within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and the respondent shall pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law within a period of twelve weeks thereafter. With regard to the increase in intake for the existing course, the respondent University shall pass orders strictly as per the directions passed by this Court in W.A.Nos.3213, 3277 & 3678 of 2025 dated 02.12.2025.

9. Accordingly, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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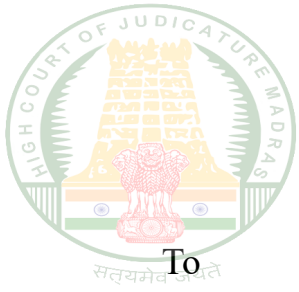
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University
No.6, Anna Salai, Guindy Chennai 600
032.

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