



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28-04-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 16184 of 2026 & WMP.Nos.17406, 17407 & 17408 of 2026

V.Lakshmikandhan

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Chairman

All India Council for Technical
Education, Nelson Mandela Marg,
Vasant Kunj, New Delhi 110 070

2.Principal Secretary to Government
Higher Education department, State of
Tamil Nadu, St.George Fort,
Chennai 09

3.Commissioner
Directorate of Technical Education, 53
Sardar Patel Road Guindy, Chennai 25

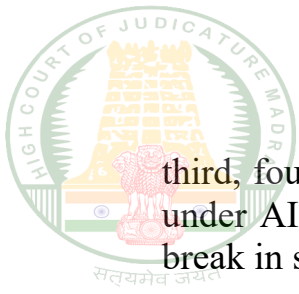
4.Principal
Thanthai Periyar Government Institute
of Technology, Chitteri Road,
Bagayam, Vellore 632 002

5.Principal Coordinator for QIP
Admission 2026 -27
(C/o AICTE), Associate Dean outreach
(CE and T/ IOE) Professor Architecture
and Regional Planning, Indian Institute
of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur 721
302 (WB)

6.Registrar
Anna University, Sardar Patel Road,
Guindy, Chennai 25

Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, directing the first respondent herein to issue a corrigendum by considering representation of the petitioner dated 5.06.2025 , 18.01.2026 consequently direct the second ,



third, fourth respondent herein to permit the petitioner to study full time Ph.D., under AICTE QIP scheme on deputation with full salary without considering break in service in accordance with law.

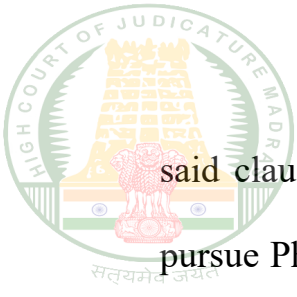
For Petitioner: Mr.V.Lakshmikandhan (P-in-P)
For Respondent: Mr.Rabu Manohar for R1
Mr.M.R.Gokulakrishnan for R2 to R4
Additional Government Pleader

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 seeking a direction, directing the first respondent herein to issue a corrigendum by considering representation of the petitioner dated 5.06.2025 , 18.01.2026 consequently direct the second , third, fourth respondent herein to permit the petitioner to study full time Ph.D., under AICTE QIP scheme on deputation with full salary without considering break in service in accordance with law.

3. It is the case of the petitioner that Quality Improvement Programme is to upgrade the expertise and capabilities of the faculty members of the degree and diploma level institutions in the country. It enables full time regular/permanent faculty members of AICTE approved institute to pursue Master's and Ph.D. Degrees at QIP centre. In the year 2022, the clause containing that “the candidate is selected and admitted, should be on deputation and his/her salary and allowances are to be paid by the parent institution” The



said clause was removed from the year 2022. The petitioner has requested to pursue Ph.D., under AICTE QIP scheme (during 2024, 2025) citing leave rules.

It is the grievance of the petitioner that the removal of clause is violation of Article 14 of Constitution of India. Hence, the petitioner sent representations on 05.06.2025 & 18.01.2026 to the third respondent seeking No Objection Certificate to apply and study full time Phd under AICTE QIP scheme, which is pending before the third respondent. Hence, writ petition is filed seeking to permit the petitioner to study full time PhD under AICTE QIP scheme on deputation with full salary without considering break in service.

4. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court without going into the merits of the case directs the 1st respondent to consider the representations of the petitioner dated 05.06.2025 & 18.01.2026 and pass appropriate orders on own merit and in accordance with law within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. In view of the above, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions stand closed.

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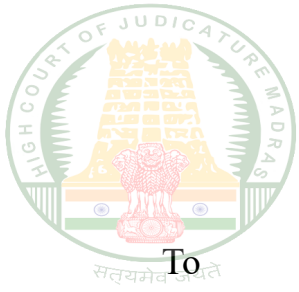
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