



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09-12-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

W.P.No. 42647 of 2025

AND

WMP NO. 47700 OF 2025, WMP NO. 47701 OF 2025

Sri Rangapoopathi College Of Arts Science And Education
(Sri Rangapoopathi Educational Charitable Trust),
Rep By Its Chairman R.Poopathi,
17, 1st Street, Rajadesingh Nagar,
Gingee, Villupuram District.

Petitioner

Vs.

1. National Council For Teacher Education
Rep By its Member Secretary G-7, Sector- 10,
Dwaraka, New Delhi-110 075.

2. National Council For Teacher Education
Southern Regional Council Rep By Its
Regional Director, G-7, Sector- 10, Dwaraka,
New Delhi-110 075.

3. The State Of Tamil Nadu
Rep By its Secretary To Government, Higher
Education Department, Secretariat,
Fort St. George, Chennai-09.

... Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorarified mandamus to calling for records of the first respondent relating to the Guidelines for Transforming NCTE Recognized Stand-Alone Teacher Education Institutions into Multidisciplinary Higher Education Institutions -May 2025 and the consequential notice of the second respondent in F.NO.NCTE/SRC/2627202509233112/TAMIL NADU/2025



/SCN dated 17.10.2025 quash the same and direct the second respondent process the application of petitioner without insisting upon the production of the documents set out in the above notice dated 17.10.2025.

For Petitioner(s): P. Srinivas

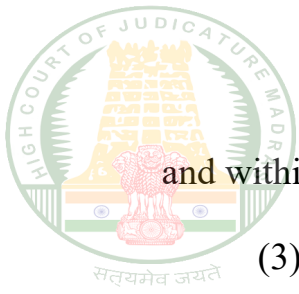
For Respondent(s): Mr.J.Harikrishna, Junior Panel Counsel
for R1 and R2
Mr.A.Selvedran,Spl.G.P,
For R3

ORDER

In this case, the petitioner is an institution imparting the teacher education alone. A policy decision has been taken by the National Council for Teacher Education pursuant to the National Education Policy that there cannot be any stand-alone Teacher Education programme and it has to be multidisciplinary. Either these institutions have to convert themselves as multidisciplinary higher education institutions or collaborate with the other institutions. A detailed guidelines in this regard has been issued by the first respondent in the month of May 2025.

2. When the petitioner made an application for the current year, queries have been raised in the earlier show-cause notice 20.06.2025 and thereafter on 17.10.2025, pointing out three deficiencies finally. It is stated that:

- (1) An essentiality certificate from the State Government is necessary.
- (2) Both collaborating Institutions should be from the same University



and within 10 kilometre radius.

(3) The Affiliating University is required to accept the collaboration.

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3. It is the argument of the Learned Counsel for the petitioner that these things are not possible because;

Firstly, the Government of Tamil Nadu is not accepting the New Education Policy and is not entertaining any application for Essentiality Certificate in this regard.

Secondly, as per the policy prevalent in the State of Tamil Nadu, the jurisdiction with reference to the Teacher Education has been specifically given to an exclusive State University, while the other Institutions of higher learning are under different Universities. Therefore, it is practically not possible to comply with the second query that both the institutions should be by the same University. In that regard, there cannot be any agreement of collaboration by the University also.

Thirdly, when the petitioner has established an Institution and another Institution is also willing to collaborate, merely because that is 30 kilometres away, the respondent cannot also refuse the permission on the 10 kilometres Rule, which is now introduced for the first time.

4. Per contra, the Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents, by pointing out to the relevant guidelines that are issued would



submit that each and every one of the query has been rightly raised in accordance with the mandatory guidelines. It is for the petitioner to submit such reply and the authorities will consider the matter in accordance with law.

5. In reply thereof, the Learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that tomorrow (10.12.2025), there is a meeting by the first respondent and in view of the above facts, they may proceed to reject the application itself. The petitioner has also challenged the very guidelines before this Court.

6. I have considered the rival submissions made on either side and perused the material records of the case.

7. When the guidelines are challenged as violative of the fundamental rights of the petitioner, it is for the respondent organisation to defend the guidelines. The Learned Counsel seeks time to file a counter affidavit in that regard and argue the matter.

8. In view of the matter, this Court will be deciding the validity of the guidelines after the counter-affidavit is filed by the first respondent. In the meanwhile, since an apprehension is expressed that the application may be taken up in the meeting on tomorrow 10.12.2025 and there is every chance that it is refused, I am of the view that pending disposal of the writ petition, no final



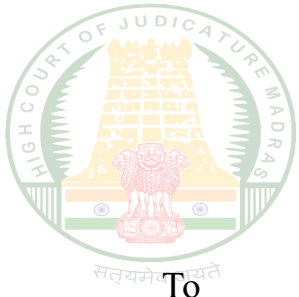
orders need be passed on the application of the petitioner and after further directions by this Court, the same can be considered.

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9. Call this matter for filing counter affidavit on 07.01.2026. Till then, let there be an interim order restraining the respondents from passing final orders on the application of the petitioner.

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