

W.P.(MD) No.11209 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 21.04.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR

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J.Meena Jothi

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Director,
Tamil Nadu Directorate of School Education,
DPI Campus, College Road,
Chennai - 600 006.
- 2.The Chief Educational Officer,
Nagercoil, Kanyakumari District.
- 3.The Secretary,
Indian Medical Centre,
No.218 (Old No.283),
T.T.K.Road, Alwarpet,
Chennai - 600 018.
- 4.The President,
Gnanadeepam Matriculation
Higher Secondary School,
Agastheeswaram,
Kanyakumari District - 629 701.
- 5.The Secretary and Correspondent,
Gnanadeepam Matriculation
Higher Secondary School,
Agastheeswaram,
Kanyakumari District - 629 701.



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6.The Principal,
Gnanadeepam Matriculation
Higher Secondary School,
Agastheeswaram,
Kanyakumari District - 629 701.

... Respondents

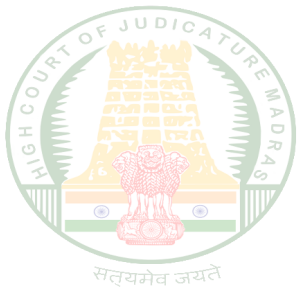
Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records relating to the impugned termination order passed by the third respondent dated 30.03.2026 and quash the same and consequently direct the third respondent to reinstate the petitioner in service in the sixth respondent's school.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Ramasamy

For R1 & R2 : Mr.N.Satheesh Kumar
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

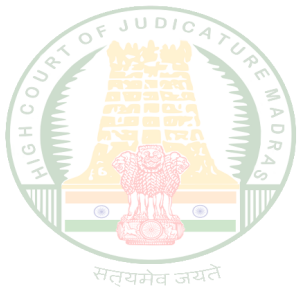
This Writ Petition has been filed seeking the issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records relating to the impugned termination order passed by the third respondent dated 30.03.2026 and quash the same and consequently direct the third respondent to reinstate the petitioner in service in the school of the sixth respondent.



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WEB COPY 2. At the threshold, an objection has been raised with regard to the maintainability of this Writ Petition against the impugned order passed by the third respondent, which is an unaided institution though stated to have been recognised under the Code of Regulations for Matriculation Schools. It is further brought to the notice of this Court by Mr.N.Satheesh Kumar, learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the first and second respondents, that under Regulation 22-A of the said Code, an effective and efficacious alternative remedy of appeal is available and therefore, this Writ Petition cannot be entertained.

3. This Court, after carefully considering the submissions made and perusing the provisions of the said Code as well as the order impugned in the present Writ Petition and taking into account the admitted fact that the third respondent Centre is an unaided private institution recognised under the Code of Regulations for Matriculation Schools, is of the view that this Writ Petition cannot be entertained under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, as the third respondent would not fall within the meaning of “State” under Article 12 of the Constitution of India and no violation of any statutory provision or rule has been alleged in the writ petition.



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WEB COPY 4. However, in the light of the availability of an effective alternative remedy under Regulation 22-A of the said Code, this Writ Petition is disposed of, granting liberty to the petitioner to avail the remedy of appeal as provided under Regulation 22-A of the Code within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. In the event such an appeal is filed, the appellate authority shall consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders thereon as expeditiously as possible.

No costs.

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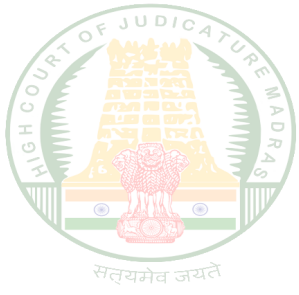
NCC : Yes / No

Index : Yes / No

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