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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 21.05.2026

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**THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY**

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S.Manikandan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Registrar,

The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University,  
No.5, Dr. D.G.S. Dhinakaran Salai Poompozhi,  
Chennai-600 028.

2.The Controller of Examination,

The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University,  
M.G.R.Salai, Near Taramani Railway Station,  
Perungudi, Chennai -600113.

3.The Principal,

Tirunelveli Government Law College,  
Thirunelveli District.

4.The Director,

The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University,  
M.G.R.Salai, Near Taramani Railway Station,  
Perungudi, Chennai – 600 113.

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India,  
for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondents to



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consider the Petitioner's representation dated 16.05.2026 for permit the petitioner to write exam.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Mukilan

For Respondents : Mr.Krishnadass for R1 & R2

### **ORDER**

Issue notice of motion returnable by **15.06.2026**. Private notice is also permitted.

2.Mr.Krishnadass, learned counsel takes notice on behalf of the respondents 1 and 2.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner presses for an interim order. It is seen that an interim order is granted in the connected matter in W.P.(MD)No.19601 of 2026.

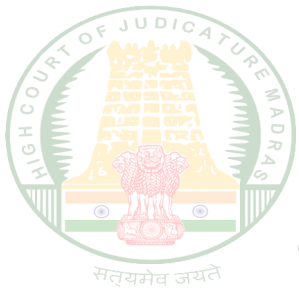
4.The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents 1 and 2 would have two objections on the merits. He would submit that the UGC guidelines of time span (N + 2 years) has already been adopted by the respondent University and therefore, once the time span is elapsed, the



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petitioner cannot be permitted to write the examination. On the procedural part of it, the learned counsel would submit that when the dates were announced for filing the application for writing the exam, the petitioner did not approach this Court. Now when the dates are over and now the exam itself is slated on 29.05.2026 and only because of interim order is granted in the other matters, belatedly the petitioner is approaching this Court. Therefore, the learned counsel would oppose the interim order.

5. On merits, *prima facie*, I am of the view that whether the UGC guidelines can be adopted by the University in the absence of any regulation by the Bar Council of India prescribing any outer limit is the question to be considered. *Prima facie*, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has held that the Bar Council of India alone will be the primary authority to prescribe standards as far as legal education is concerned and therefore, the correctness of adopting the UGC guidelines has to be considered by this Court. As far as the procedural aspect of is concerned, it is true that the student has woken up only after the interim order granted in favor of the other student. However, that is only procedural in nature.



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6.Let the student write the examination and everything can be subject to the ultimate result on the writ petition. Since there are eight working days, the petitioner shall physically approach the office of the respondents 1 and 2 and after collecting the fee along with late fee, if any, either by receiving the physical application or by re-opening the portal as a special case and getting an online application, the petitioner can be enrolled to write the arrears examination (Law of Taxation) on 29.05.2026. Mere writing of the examination will not give any equitable right to the petitioner and everything will be subject to the ultimate result of the writ petition.

7.List this matter on **15.06.2026**.

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