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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 04.06.2026

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR**

W.P(MD)No.14772 of 2026

P.Samraj

... 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 Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 22.05.2026 for permit the petitioner to writ exam.

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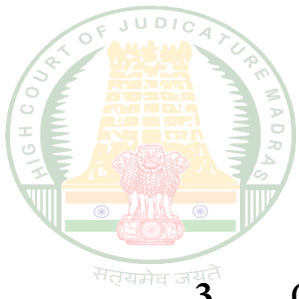


For Petitioner :Mr.S.Mukilan
For R1, R2 and R4:Mr.K.P.Krishnadoss
For R3 :Mr.M.Mahaboob Athiff
Government Advocate

ORDER

1. The petitioner studied LL.M. (Constitution and Human Rights) at the third respondent College during the academic years 2020–2022. The grievance of the petitioner is that he has not been permitted to appear for the arrear examination in the subject “National Security, Public Order and Rule of Law” (Subject Code – PHY).

2. According to the respondents, as per the guidelines issued by the University Grants Commission (UGC), a student is allowed a maximum period of two years beyond the normal duration of the course to clear arrears and qualify for the degree. Since the petitioner joined the LL.M. course during the academic years 2020–2022, he was required to complete the course, including clearing all arrears, on or before 2024. Therefore, the respondents have refused to permit the petitioner to write the arrear examination after the said period.

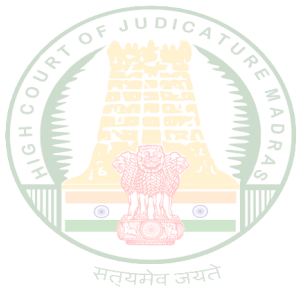


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3. On the other hand, the learned counsel for the petitioner relied upon the Bar Council of India Legal Education (Post Graduate, Doctoral, Executive, Vocational, Clinical and Other Continuing Education) Rules, 2020 and submitted that the petitioner's eligibility to complete the course is governed by the said Rules.

4. Rule 5 of the said Rules prescribes the qualification for admission and the duration of the LL.M. course. Rule 7 provides that only law graduates are eligible for admission to the LL.M. programme. However, a reading of the said Rules shows that no maximum period has been prescribed for completion of the LL.M. course.

5. Therefore, the issue that arises for consideration is whether the UGC guidelines prescribing a maximum period for completion of the course would prevail, or whether the Bar Council of India Rules, 2020 would govern the field. This issue requires consideration before any decision can be taken in the present case.



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6. In view of the above, and in order to obtain the stand of the Bar Council of India on the issue, this Court suo motu impleads the Secretary, Bar Council of India, 21, Rouse Avenue Institutional Area, Near Bal Bhawan, New Delhi – 110002, as the fifth respondent in the present writ petition.

7. Ms. S. Mahalakshmi, learned counsel, is directed to accept notice on behalf of the newly impleaded fifth respondent.

8. The Registry is directed to carry out the necessary amendments in the cause title and other records, wherever required.

9. Post the matter on 08.06.2026 under the same caption.

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The Principal,
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Thirunelveli District.

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