



W.P.(MD) No.16379 of 2026

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 16.06.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR

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and

W.M.P.(MD) No.12217 of 2026

R.Bhuvaneswari

... Petitioner

-vs-

- 1.The State of Tamil Nadu
rep.by its Secretary
Department of Higher Education
Fort St.George, Chennai-600 009
- 2.The Director of Collegiate Education
College Road, Chennai-600 006
- 3.The Joint Director of Collegiate Education
No.268, Palam Station Road
Sellur, Madurai-625 002
- 4.The Secretary
Seethalakshmi Achi College for Women
Pallathur-630 107
Sivagangai District
- 5.The Principal
Seethalakshmi Achi College for Women
Pallathur-630 107
Sivagangai District

6.H.Faritha Begum

... Respondents

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WEB COPY **PRAYER:** Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of certiorari calling for the records relating to the impugned proceedings issued by the third respondent Joint Director in Oo.Mu.No.4550/Aa1/2026, dated 08.06.2026 (received on 11.06.2026) directing the fifth respondent to appoint the sixth respondent as HOD of Zoology Department in the fourth respondent college and all proceedings in furtherance thereof quash the same as illegal.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Ragatheesh Kumar
for M/s.Isaac Chambers

For Respondents : Mrs.K.Porkodi
Counsel for the Government for R1 to R3
Ms.Meenakshi for R4 & R5
Mr.VR.Shanmuganathan for R6

ORDER

Notice before admission.

2. Mrs.K.Porkodi, learned counsel for the Government, takes notice for the respondents 1 to 3; Ms.Meenakshi, learned counsel, takes notice for the respondents 4 & 5 and Mr.VR.Shanmuganathan, learned counsel, takes notice for the sixth respondent.



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3. List the matter on 23.06.2026 immediately after admission cases.

4. *Prima facie*, it appears that the third respondent had issued the impugned proceedings directing the fifth respondent to prepare seniority list in the Department of Zoology by following communal roster, which is held to be bad in law by the Honourable Apex Court and this Court time and again.

5. However, learned counsel appearing for the sixth respondent submits that the sixth respondent is not requesting for fixation of seniority based on communal roster, but, otherwise also, the sixth respondent is senior to the petitioner and seeks time to place appropriate materials before this Court.

6. In the circumstances, the respondents 4 & 5 are directed to maintain *status quo* prevailing as on date till the next date of hearing.

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