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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 2359-2360/2026

[Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 09-01-2026 in WP No. 6989/2022 09-01-2026 in WP No. 6993/2022 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras]

SHANMUGHA ARTS SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH  
ACADEMY (SASTRA) & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 12172/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No. 12173/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 15-01-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIJAY BISHNOI

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. We have heard Mr. C.S. Vaidyanathan and Mr. Mukul Rohatgi,

learned senior counsel, appearing on behalf of the petitioner-University, as well as Mr. Rakesh Dwivedi, learned senior counsel, appearing on behalf of the State of Tamil Nadu.

2. During the course of the hearing, the University has offered three options of alternative lands with a view to compensating the State in lieu of State land occupied and already utilised by the University. *Prima facie*, it seems that the options 1, 2 and 3 given by the University are just and fair. We, therefore, permit the petitioners to submit a fresh proposal to the State Government with respect to all three options.

3. We expect the State of Tamil Nadu to consider the options sympathetically and take an appropriate decision by ensuring that no loss is caused to the public exchequer. Let the petitioner-University submit the representation within one week, and the State Government may take an appropriate decision within four weeks thereafter. It will be appreciated if a High-Powered Committee of three senior officers of the State Government accords a personal hearing to the University to explain all the attending circumstances and also to persuade the authorities to accept one of the three options.

4. Pending such exercise, possession of the University shall remain stayed, and it shall be allowed to carry out its activities without any hindrance.

5. List on 09.03.2026.

(NITIN TALREJA)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR