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W.P.No.36249 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated: 01.04.2025

Coram:

THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE N.MALA

W.P.No.36249 of 2024

and

WMP.No.39124 of 2024

Miss. Amanda Miriam Fernandez.R

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Vice Chancellor,
University of Madras,
Chepauk, Chennai-600 005.

2. The Registrar,
University of Madras,
Centenary Building,
Chepauk, Chennai-600 005.

3. The Controller of Examination,
University of Madras,
Chepauk, Chennai-600 005.

4. The Head of the Department,
Department of Journalism and Mass Communications,
University of Madras,
Chepauk, Chennai -600 005.

... Respondents



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For Petitioner : Mr.V.Vasantha Kumar
for Mr.R.Chandra Mohan

For Respondents : Mrs.V.Sudha,
Standing Counsel
for RR1 to 3
No appearance for R4

ORDER

The petitioner states that the 3rd respondent conducted the exam for the subject code CIS C001- History of Communication on 11.05.2024. The 3rd respondent on the other hand denies the same.

2. From the materials on record, it appears that the petitioner filed the writ petition in W.P.No.13357 of 2024, for a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the impugned order dated 13.06.2023 in OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION No.CBCS/Amanda Miriam Fernandez/2023 of the 2nd respondent and to quash the same and direct the respondents to conduct the examination for subject code CIS C001- History of Communication as fixed by this Hon'ble Court.

3. The said writ petition was disposed of by this court on 01.07.2024,



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recording the statement of the learned counsel for the petitioner that after the institution of the Writ Petition, the examination for the subject code CIS C001- History of Communication was conducted on 11.05.2024 for 7 students, including the petitioner. Recording the submission, the writ petition was dismissed as infructuous.

4. In the said order, the appearance of the learned Standing Counsel for the respondents was recorded. The learned Standing Counsel for the respondents on instructions submits that the representation made to the court was false, as no exam as claimed by the petitioner was conducted on 11.05.2024. The petitioner assertively claims that the exam was conducted on 11.05.2024 and she along with 7 other students had taken the exam.

5. The learned counsel for the petitioner produced the copy of the exam question paper said to have been conducted on 11.05.2024. The learned counsel for the respondent University submits that the question paper was a fake one, and that no exam was conducted on 11.05.2024, but it was conducted only on 19.11.2024.

6. The learned Standing Counsel for the respondents further submits that except the petitioner, other 6 students attended the re-do class as per the



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Universities Regulations from August 2024 to November 2024, and wrote the exams and that the petitioner for the reasons best known to her, neither attended the classes nor appeared in the exam.

7. Considering the seriousness of the matter, I am inclined to appoint learned Senior Counsel Mr.A.K.Sriram, to enquiry into the issue regarding the conduct of the exam on 11.05.2024.

The following directions are issued for the purpose of enquiry into the matter.

- i) The learned Senior Counsel shall enquire into the veracity of the contention of the petitioner as to the conduct of the examination on 11.05.2024 as per the question submitted by her dated nil April 2024.
- ii) The learned Senior Counsel, for the purpose of enquiry, shall call for the Whatsapp messages as well as the records of the University and the University shall cooperate with the learned Senior Counsel in the enquiry by submitting the materials required by the learned Senior Counsel.

- iii) The learned Senior Counsel shall enquire the petitioner, concerned staff/



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faculty and the six students along with whom the petitioner claims to have written the exam.

- iv) The learned Senior Counsel is permitted to summon any other witnesses, apart from the above persons, whom he considers appropriate for the purpose of the enquiry.
- v) The petitioner shall cooperate in the enquiry by producing all the materials/documents relied on by her.
- vi) The learned Senior Counsel shall submit a detailed report along with supporting materials, if any, to this court in a sealed cover on or before **20.04.2025.**

Post the matter on **20.04.2025** for further hearing.

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