

WP(MD) NO. 6086 of 2025

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 20-03-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE J. NISHA BANU
AND
THE HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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and W.M.P(MD)No.4472 of 2025

C.Chellamuthu
S/o.Chinnakutti, 4/48, South Street, Velur, Chatrapatti (PO),
Oddanchanthiram (TK), Dindigul District 624 614

Petitioner(s)

Vs

The Union of India
Rep by its Secretary to Government, Ministry of Education,
127-C, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s):

M/s.AL.Gandhimath
Senior Counsel
for Mr.C.Mahadevan

For Respondent(s):

Mr.K.Govindarajan
Deputy Solicitor General of India

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble J.Nisha Banu J.)

The learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the
National Institutional Ranking Framework (in short hereinafter referred to as 'NIRF')

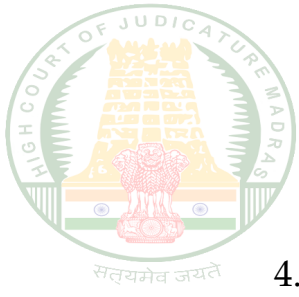


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is launched by the second respondent on the direction of the first respondent for
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evaluating the excellence of Higher Education Institutions in India. The second respondent published the NIRF rankings based on methodologies which are not disclosed and the same does not reflect genuine academic excellence of the Institutions. The evaluation is not genuine and rankings are awarded based on datas received from the Institutions. The data submitted are manipulated by NIRF authorities. She further submitted that there is no transparency and accountability of datas submitted by the Institutions. Instead of collecting datas from the Government websites, Institutions are invited to submit datas through online. Malpractices are mainly carried out by private Institutions. Seeking appropriate actions from the respondents in this regard, the petitioner submitted a representation dated 02.11.2024, which did not evoke any response. Hence, the petitioner has filed the present Writ Petition.

2.Today, when the matter is taken up for hearing, the learned Deputy Solicitor General of India appearing for the respondents seeks time for filing counter-affidavit.

3.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, there shall be an order of interim stay restraining the respondents from publishing the NIRF ranking for the year 2025 as prayed for till 24.04.2025.



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4. For filing counter-affidavit, post the matter on 24.04.2025.

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(C.S. I / II / III / IV)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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TO

1. The Secretary to Government,
Union of India
Ministry of Education,
127-C, Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi

2. The Member Secretary
National Board of Accreditation NBCC Place,
East Tower,
4th Floor Bhisham Pitamah Marg,
Pragati Vihar, New Delhi 110 003

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