



**Abstract**

Higher Education - Framing of comprehensive policy guidelines on University examination system - Constitution of Committee - Orders - Issued.

Higher Education (K2) Department

G.O.(1D) No: 152

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Read:-

1. From the Assistant Registrar (CS V), High Court, Chennai-104, Letter C.O.No.276/07, dated 22.5.2007.
2. From the Member-Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education, Chennai-5, Letter Rc.No.383/2006A, dated 23.7.2007.

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**ORDER:-**

In the letter first read above, the Assistant Registrar, High Court of Madras has enclosed the order of High Court of Madras in a case (Crl.O.P.No.22507/2006 and M.P.No.1/2006) in which a student of Pondicherry Engineering College, Pondicherry committed suicide after receiving exam results in which he scored less than his expectation. The victim's mother filed case against the Lecturer who had evaluated his paper. The Lecturer granted him 20 marks whereas during revaluation, marks obtained were much higher. The case was filed under Section 306 IPC and 107 IPC which pertain to abetment to suicide. The High Court of Madras in its judgement dt.16.5.2007, among others ordered as follows:-

"..... in view of the above said serious problem resulting in the death of brilliant students, this Court is constrained to suggest that the educational institutions both private and Government should provide Pre and Post Exam Counselling System for the students, teachers and parents with a view to create positive thinking, courage and self confidence among the students to enable them to march towards a glorious future career".

2. Besides this, in the Policy Note of Higher Education Department for 2007-2008, under the heading Introduction-item 1-10. It has been mentioned as follows:-

There is a need for overhauling the university examination system in the State so that it aims at testing students' understanding of the concept and analyzing capacity rather than memory / cramming power. Teaching, learning and evaluation methods need to be revisited and modalities for this will have to be worked out so that the present examination system becomes more analytical and responsive to the changes. For this, a committee of experts headed by a former Vice-Chancellor will be constituted, to suggest measures to effect changes in examination system.

3. In order to consider the suggestion of High Court order and to evolve a comprehensive policy guidelines on University examination system, the Government considered to form a committee consisting of Educational Experts and Psychologists and accordingly the Government direct that the Expert Committee be constituted with the composition of following members for the above purpose:-

Dr.S.P.Thiagarajan - Chairman  
Former Vice-Chancellor,  
University of Madras.

Dr.(Tmf) M.Thavamani - Member  
Principal,  
Ethiraj College, Chennai.

Dr.S.Ramanathan - Member  
Principal,  
Presidency College, Chennai-5.

Dr.K.Rajendran - Member  
Prof. of Psychology (Retd.),  
AUTA Nagar, Silva Puri P.O.,  
Annamalai Nagar - 608 002.

Dr.Kumaran - Member  
No.38, 'D' Block,  
Ganapathi Colony, Annanagar East,  
Chennai-600 112.

4. The Committee should submit its report within three months from the date of constitution of the Committee.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

ANITA PRAVEEN  
Secretary to Government (I/c)

To  
Dr.S.P.Thiagarajan, Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras.  
The Members of the Committee, Through Member-Secretary,  
Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education, Chennai-5.  
The Vice-Chairman/Member Secretary,  
Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education, Chennai-5.  
The Registrars of all Universities  
under the control of Higher Education Department  
The Director of Collegiate Education, Chennai-6.  
The Director of Technical Education, Chennai-25.  
The Accountant General, Chennai-18/35.  
The Pay and Accounts Officer (East), Chennai-5.

Copy to:-

The Senior P.A. to Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Chennai-9.  
The Assistant Registrar (CS V), High Court, Chennai-104.  
The Finance Department, Chennai-9.  
The Higher Education (H / I / A) Department, Chennai-9.

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