

**Abstract**

Higher Education – Equivalence of Courses – Recommendation of the Expert Committee meeting held on 11.2.2019 at Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education – B.E. Agricultural and Irrigation Engineering awarded by Anna University not equivalent to B.Tech. Agricultural Engineering of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University/ B.Sc. Agriculture of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University - Orders – Issued.

Higher Education (J1) Department

G.O.(Ms)No. 271

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திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2050.

Read:-

1. Interim orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras in W.P.Nos. 16206& 16207/ 2018 dated 2.7.2018 and Notice in W.P.No.16206/2018, W.P.No.16207/2018, W.P.No.16298/2018, W.P.No.16273/2018 and W.P.No.20692/2018 dated 25.2.2019.
2. Government letter No.13984/J1/2018 dated 31.7.2018 and 21.2.2019
3. From the Director, Centre for Academic Courses, Anna University, Chennai letter No. 3298/AU/CAC/2018, dated 12.10.2018
4. From the Secretary, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and the Member Secretary, Equivalence Committee D.O. letter No.4433/RND-F1/2018 dated 15.2.2019
5. From the Member Secretary (FAC), Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education letter No.188/2019A, dated 17.6.2019

ORDER:

M. Agalya and N.G. Pandiselvi have filed Writ petitions, W.P.No.16206/2018 and W.P.No.16207/2018 respectively with a prayer to direct the Secretary, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (TNPSC) to consider them to the post of Assistant Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) treating their Educational qualification of B.E. Agricultural and Irrigation Engineering awarded by Anna University as equivalent to B.E. / B.Tech. Agricultural Engineering. S.Soundharya and P. Suganaya have filed W.P.No. 16298 & 20692 / 2018 and W.P.No.16273/2018 respectively with a prayer to constitute an Equivalence Committee and refer the Petitioners degree, B.E. Agricultural and Irrigation Engineering to the Equivalence Committee in order to assess its equivalence with B.E. / B.Tech. Agricultural Engineering degree and issue a Certificate of Equivalence. The Hon'ble High Court of Madras in its interim orders first read above, has ordered in W.P.Nos. 16206& 16207/2018 filed by M. Agalya and N.G. Pandiselvi that any recruitment made in this regard, shall be subject to the outcome of the Writ Petition.

2. The Secretary, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission in his letter fourth read above, has sent the resolution passed in the 60th Meeting of Equivalence Committee held on 11.2.2019 in which on Item No. 8 & 9, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education has been requested to furnish views / remarks. In the Government letter second read above, dated 21.2.2019, the Member Secretary (FAC), Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education (TANSCHÉ) has been requested to take immediate further action and send views / remarks to Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission.

3. Since more Writ Petitions are filed in High Court regarding the equivalence of the subjects mentioned in para 1, the Member Secretary (FAC), TANSCHÉ has constituted a committee with Chairpersons of Board of Studies of the Universities and sent the minutes in the letter 5th read above for the following subjects:-

Sl.No.	Degree	awarded by	Whether equivalent to
1.	B.E. Agricultural and Irrigation Engineering	Anna University	B.Tech. Agricultural Engineering of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University
2.	B.E. Agricultural and Irrigation Engineering	Anna University	B.Sc. Agricultural Engineering
3.	B.E. Agricultural and Irrigation Engineering	Anna University	B.Sc. Agriculture of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.

The details of the minutes are as follows:

The Expert Committee met on 17.5.2019 and unit wise comparison of B.E. Agricultural and Irrigation Engineering awarded by Anna University with B.Tech. Agricultural Engineering / B.Sc. Agriculture of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University was made by the Expert Committee. Unit wise comparison of B.E. Agricultural and Irrigation Engineering awarded by Anna University with B.Sc. Agricultural Engineering was not made since the syllabus of B.Sc. Agricultural Engineering was not available as no State University is offering B.Sc. Agricultural Engineering in the State. Based on the analysis, the Committee has recommended that B.E. Agricultural and Irrigation Engineering awarded by Anna University is not equivalent to B.Tech. Agricultural Engineering / B.Sc. Agriculture of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University. Equivalence on B.E. Agricultural and Irrigation Engineering awarded by Anna University to B.Sc. Agricultural Engineering was not feasible.

4. The Government, after careful examination has accepted the recommendation of the Expert Committee constituted by the Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education held on 17.5.2019 and direct that the following educational qualifications possessed by the candidates are not equivalent to the courses mentioned therein:

Sl.No.	Name of the Courses	Equivalent / Not Equivalent
1.	B.E. Agricultural and Irrigation Engineering offered by Anna University as equivalent to B.Tech. Agricultural Engineering of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University	Not Equivalent
2.	B.E. Agricultural and Irrigation Engineering offered by Anna University as equivalent to B.Sc. Agriculture of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University	Not Equivalent
3.	B.E. Agricultural and Irrigation Engineering offered by Anna University as equivalent to B.Sc Agricultural Engineering	Not Feasible as no State University is offering B.Sc Agricultural Engineering in the State.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

MANGAT RAM SHARMA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Secretary, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, Chennai-3.
The Chairman, Teachers Recruitment Board, Chennai – 6.
The Vice-Chancellor / Registrar, Anna University, Chennai-25.
The Commissioner of Technical Education, Chennai-25.
The Director of Collegiate Education, Chennai – 6.
The Registrars of all Universities under the aegis of Higher Education Department.
The Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore – 641003.

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The Personal Assistant to Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Chennai-9.

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