



**ABSTRACT**

Law Department – Orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras dated 21.07.2022 in W.P.No.17858 of 2022 – Public Services – Equivalence of Degrees – M.L degree in Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Administration awarded by Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University, not equivalent to M.L Degree in Crime & Torts – Resolutions of Equivalence Committee – Accepted – Orders – Issued.

**Law (LS) Department**

G.O.(Ms.) No.584

Dated : 27.09.2023.  
Sobhagiruthu - Purataasi – 10,  
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2054.

Read :

1. G.O. (Ms) No.93, Higher Education (K2) Department, dated 30.05.2019.
2. Orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras, dated 21.07.2022 in W.P.No. 17858 of 2022.
3. Government Letter No.3366265/LS/2022-1, Law(LS) department, dated 20.01.2023.(Addressed to the Chairman, Teachers' Recruitment Board)
4. Orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras, dated 25.08.2023 in Contempt Petition in C.P.No. 1040 of 2023 in W.P.No.17858 of 2022 filed by Thiru.N.Sudalai Muthu.
5. Government Letter No.3366265/LS/2022, Law(LS) department, dated 05.07.2023.(Addressed to the Chairman, Teachers' Recruitment Board)
6. From the Secretary, Teachers' Recruitment Board, Letter Rc.No.9652/E2-S2/2021, dated 20.07.2023.
7. Government Letter No.3366265/LS/2022, Law(LS) department, dated 28.07.2023 and 17.08.2023.(Addressed to the Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education)
8. From the Member-Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education, Chennai, Letter Rc.No. 2445/2023 A, dated 17.08.2023.
9. From the Member-Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education, Chennai, Letter Rc. No. 2327/2023 A, dated 05.09.2023.

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10. From the Higher Education Department U.O.Note No.3705/K1/2023-1, dated 12.09.2023.

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ORDER:

In the Government Order 1<sup>st</sup> read above, orders were issued constituting a new Equivalence Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary to Government, Higher Education department along with nine members to examine the requests for consideration of equivalence for various courses offered by them for the purpose of appointment in public service and for pursuing higher studies. In the said Government Order, the Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education has been empowered to take up the issues relating to such request for consideration of equivalence for various courses with the said committee and to forward the resolutions passed by the Committee to the Government for necessary orders for equivalence of qualifications.

2. The Hon'ble High Court of Madras in the order 2<sup>nd</sup> read above filed by Thiru.N.Sudalai Muthu has ordered as follows:-

- i. The 1<sup>st</sup> respondent-Board is directed to forward the claim of the petitioner to the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent/Secretary to the Government, Law Department, Chennai to consider for issuance of equivalency certificate within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.
- ii. Based on the said communication from the respondent-Board, the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent is directed to consider the claim of the petitioner and pass appropriate order.
- iii. The said exercise shall be completed by the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order."

3. Pursuant to the said orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras, the Teachers' Recruitment Board was requested to forward the claim of the Writ Petitioner namely, Thiru.N.Sudalai Muthu seeking Equivalency Certificate treating M.L. Degree possessed by him in 'Criminal Law & Criminal Justice Administration' as equivalent to the M.L. Degree in 'Crime and Torts' subject to the Government immediately in order to comply with the said High Court order. Meanwhile, Thiru.N.Sudalai Muthu, has filed a Contempt Petition in C.P.No.1040 of 2023 before the Hon'ble High Court of Madras for non-compliance of the orders passed by the High Court dated 21.07.2022 in W.P. No. 17858 of 2022. The Secretary, Teachers' Recruitment Board vide letter 6<sup>th</sup> read above has sent the details as called for in the letter 5<sup>th</sup> read above.

4. The Government in the letter 7<sup>th</sup> read above enclosing the details of claim of the Writ Petitioner namely, Thiru.N.Sudalai Muthu seeking Equivalency Certificate treating M.L. Degree possessed by him in Criminal Law & Criminal Justice Administration as equivalent to the M.L. Degree in 'Crime and Torts', as forwarded by the Teachers' Recruitment Board has requested the Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education to place his claim before the Council and to forward the recommendation / resolution of the Equivalence Committee to the Government, so as to issue necessary orders by the Government and also to report the compliance before Hon'ble High Court of Madras.

5. The Member-Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education vide letter 9<sup>th</sup> read above has forwarded a copy of resolution passed in the Twenty First Equivalence Committee meeting held on 28.08.2023. The Equivalence Committee based on the recommendation of the Subject Experts Committee on the comparative study of unit-wise analysis of M.L. Degree in 'Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Administration' offered by the Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University and the M.L. degree in "Crime and Torts" and after studying the syllabus for both the courses, has concluded that the similarity between these courses is only 36.64% and accordingly resolved that the M.L. Degree in 'Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Administration' is not equivalent to M.L. degree in "Crime and Torts". The Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department vide U.O.Note dated 12.09.2023 has forwarded the resolutions made in respect of the matter contained in Item No. 64 by the 21<sup>st</sup> Equivalence Committee meeting held on 28.08.2023 for taking necessary action.

6. In the circumstances and in compliance of the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, the Government, after careful consideration concurs with the views of the aforesaid Equivalence Committee and approve the following resolution made in the 21<sup>st</sup> Equivalence Committee meeting held on 28.08.2023 under the Chairmanship of the Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department:-

Item No.	Subject	Board of Study Recommendations	Equivalence Committee Recommendations
64	Public Services – Educational Qualification – Consideration of M.L. Degree in Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Administration awarded by the Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University as to whether equivalent to M.L. Degree in Crime & Torts for the purpose of employment in public services.	36.64% Not Equivalent	Not Equivalent

7. Accordingly, it is ordered that the M.L. Degree in 'Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Administration' offered by the Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University is not equivalent to the M.L. degree in "Crime and Torts" for the purpose of employment in Public Services.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

B.KARTHIKEYAN,

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (Legal Affairs).

To:

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- 2. The Registrar(i/c), The Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University, Chennai - 600 028.
- 3. The Director of Legal Studies, Kilpauk, Chennai - 600 010.
- 4. The Chairman, Teachers' Recruitment Board, Chennai - 600 006.
- 5. The Chairman, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education, Chennai - 600 005.
- 6. The Member-Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education, Chennai - 600 005.

Copy to:

- 1. The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Law), Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.
- 2. The Personal Assistant to Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.
- 3. The Personal Assistant to Secretary to Government, Human Resources Management Department, Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.
- 4. The Resident Audit Officer, Secretariat, SF/SCs.

// Forwarded by order //

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*27/09/2022*  
 Section Officer.