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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 29551/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 10-08-2026 in WP No. 27783/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras]

SRI VENKATESWARAA UNIVERSITY & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 252365/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

Date : 31-08-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM NATH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MEHTA

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Gopal Shankaranarayanan, Sr. Adv.
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For Respondent(s) :

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Mr. Gopal Shankaranarayanan, learned senior advocate appearing for the petitioner(s) submits that the Division Bench of the High Court fell in error in not considering the import of paragraph(s)

147 and 148 of the judgment of this Court in *P.A. Inamdar Vs. State of Maharashtra*, (2005) 6 SCC 537, which clearly provides that the ad hoc arrangement would continue until a suitable legislation or regulation framed by the State steps in.

The submission is that under The Tamil Nadu Private Universities Act, 2019, Section 33(e) provides that ordinances could be framed by the Executive Council of the University, which, according to him, were framed on 28th June, 2023, pursuant to which the Fee Fixation Committee determined the fee structure, which was notified on 26th July, 2025.

It is, therefore, submitted that once the legislation has stepped in, the interim arrangement contemplated in the judgment of the Constitution Bench of this Court would no longer be applicable and the fees so determined could be realized from the students for different courses.

Issue notice, returnable within four weeks.

Petitioner(s), in the meanwhile, shall file a copy of the first statutes and the ordinances, which have been produced before us during the course of arguments, by way of an affidavit.

In the meantime, subject to the final outcome of this petition, the petitioner(s) would be

entitled to accept the fee as determined by the Fee Fixation Committee referred to above and shall also file an undertaking before this Court that, in the event they fail, they shall reimburse the difference between the fee charged by them and the fee determined by the Fee Fixation Committee under the State.

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