



## **ABSTRACT**

Public Services – Equivalence of degrees – Non Equivalence of Degrees offered by the Universities/ Educational Institutions to the similar Degrees – Recommendation of 12<sup>th</sup> Equivalence Committee meeting held through circulation on 25.11.2021 – Approved – Orders – Issued.

Higher Education (J1) Department

G.O.(Ms) No. 240

Dated: 30.11.2021

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Read:

1. G.O.(Ms) No. 270, Higher Education (J1) Department, Dated 3.12.2019.
2. Orders of the Hon'ble High Court in W.P. No.18835 of 2017, Dated 13.6.2018
3. From the Chairman, Teachers Recruitment Board letter No. 8868/C4/2017, Dated 15.11.2021.
4. From the Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education letter No. 4694/2021 A, Dated 26.11.2021.
5. From the Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education letter No. 2741/2021, Dated 30.11.2021.

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### **ORDER:-**

In the Government Order first read above, among others, the Government direct that all nomenclature of PG degree relevant/ appropriate to Major/ Core Branch of Engineering/ Technology as notified by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) vide Notification F.No. 27/RIFD/Pay/01/2017-18 dated 28.4.2017, are approved for recruitment to teaching position (Resolution No. 286).

2. The Chairman, Teachers Requirement Board (TRB) in his letter third read above, has stated that Thiru. R. Dyson, Chennai has filed W.P. No. 18835/2017 praying to appoint him as Assistant Professor in Government Engineering Colleges. The petitioner possesses following qualification, B.E. in Electronics and Communication Engineering awarded by Anna University and M.E. in Instrumentation Engineering awarded by Anna University. He has applied for the post of Assistant Professor in Electronics and Communication Engineering in Government Engineering Colleges affiliated to Anna University, called for in the Advertisement No. 3/2014 dated 16.7.2014 by TRB. He wrote the exam on 22.10.2016. He was rejected by TRB, with remark "PG not related to ECE". On enquiry the petitioner was informed that according to the TRB, both B.E. and M.E. should be in the same subject and since Instrumentation Engineering in M.E. is not equal to B.E. in ECE, the petitioner was declared as ineligible and his candidature was rejected. In W.P.No. 18835/2017, the petitioner prayed to issue appointment order to him as Assistant Professor. The Hon'ble High Court in its order dated

13.6.2018, allowed W.P. and gave direction to TRB to consider the claim of the petitioner without insisting equivalence Government Order to the effect that the subject they studied in PG degree is equivalent to that of the subject they studied in UG degree, and appoint them if they are otherwise qualified. The Board filed Writ Appeal. In the mean time, the petitioner filed Contempt Petition for the non compliance of the Hon'ble High Court Order. During the Contempt Petition hearing the Hon'ble High Court issued statutory notice in 28.10.2021. Meanwhile the Writ Appeal filed by the Board came up for hearing on 2.11.2021. The Hon'ble Bench by its interim order dated 2.11.2021 has granted interim stay with the following direction:

*“ There shall be an order of interim stay on condition that the Equivalence Committee shall decide the issue and pass orders, uninfluenced by the decision of the learned single Judge, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and the said report shall be filed before this Court in a sealed cover on 1.12.2021.”*

Since the Hon'ble High Court has issued statutory notice for personal appearance of the Respondent in this regard, the Chairman, TRB has requested the Government for necessary action pursuant to the orders of the Hon'ble High Court.

3. The Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education in his letter fourth read above, has stated that during 2017 AICTE has issued notification vide F.No. 27/ RIFD/ Pay/ 01/ 2017-18, Dated 28.4.2017 with a list of Major/ Core branches of Engineering & Technology with nomenclatures of PG degrees relevant for recruitment in teaching positions in the technical institutions. In AICTE notifications, Major/ core branches of Engineering and Technology with nomenclature of PG degree relevant for recruitment in teaching positions in the technical institutions, Electronics Engineering comes under major discipline of Engineering/ Technology. Further, Electronics Engineering was divided into sub category (i) Electronics Engineering (ii) Electronics and Communication Engineering (iii) Instrumentation Engineering, (iv) Mechatronics Engineering and (v) Medical Electronics Engineering. The Electronics and Communication Engineering and Instrumentation Engineering comes under separate category. Based on the above AICTE notification, a resolution was passed in the third Equivalence Committee (12.11.2019) and accordingly orders were issued in the Government Order first read above. He has further stated that the petitioner, Thiru. R. Dyson in W.P. No. 18835/2017, has applied for the post during 2014 and wrote exam on 2016, but above AICTE notification was issued during 2017, it was decided to have a detailed study between M.E. Instrumentation Engineering, Madras Institute of Technology (MIT) Chrompet of Anna University to M.E. Electronics & Communication Engineering of Anna University and accordingly the meeting of Chairpersons, Board of studies/ subject experts in Electronics and Communication Engineering Board was conducted by the Council on 25.11.2021. The Board prepared unitwise analysed comparative statement and declared M.E. Instrumentation Engineering, MIT Chrompet of Anna University (2009 regulations) is not equivalent to M.E. Electronics & Communication Engineering of Anna University as the similarity between these degrees is 10.94% and further observed that the candidate has studied the

degree during 2010-2012 and obtained his degree on April 2013. The similarity during the period is 4.7%. Further, the Committee recommended to seek the opinion of Experts of Instrumentation Engineering to check the equivalency between programmes M.E. Instrumentation Engineering & M.E. Control and Instrumentation Engineering (corresponding nomenclature to Electronics and Communication Engineering) and thereof the decision may be taken. Accordingly, the meeting of Chairpersons, Board of Studies/ Subject Experts in Instrumentation Engineering was conducted. The Committee recommended that M.E. Control and Instrumentation Engineering awarded by Anna University is not equivalent to M.E. Instrumentation Engineering as the percentage of similarity between these courses is 18.5%.

4. The Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education (TANSCHE) in his letter fifth read above, has sent resolution passed in the twelfth Equivalence Committee meeting held through circulation on 25.11.2021 to Government for issuing orders. The resolution of 12<sup>th</sup> Equivalence Committee meeting held through circulation on 25.11.2021 is as follows:

No.	Subjects	Recommendations
1.	Public Services – Educational Qualification – Consideration of M.E. Instrumentation Engineering offered by Madras Institute of Technology, Chrompet campus of Anna University as to whether equivalent to M.E. Electronics and Communication Engineering for the purpose of Employment in Public Services – Regarding.	NOT EQUIVALENT

5. The Government after careful examination approve the following resolution passed in the 12<sup>th</sup> Equivalence Committee held through circulation on 25.11.2021 under the Chairmanship of the Equivalence Committee / Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department and direct that the following Degrees offered by the Universities/ Educational Institutions be not equivalent to the Degrees mentioned therein:

SI.No	Subjects	Equivalent / Not Equivalent
1.	Public Services – Educational qualification – Consideration of M.E. Instrumentation Engineering offered by Madras Institute of Technology, Chrompet campus of Anna University as to whether equivalent to M.E. Electronics and Communication Engineering for the purpose of Employment in Public Services – Regarding	Not Equivalent

6. The degrees so placed in the Equivalence Committee are however considered as basic degree/ post graduate degree, as the case may be, as per University Grants Commission norms.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

D. KARTHIKEYAN  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Director of Technical Education, Chennai – 25

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 Vice Chairman, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education, Chennai – 5

The Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education, Chennai – 5

The Vice Chairman, Tamil Nadu State Council for Technical Education, Chennai – 5

The Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Technical Education,  
Chennai – 5

The Institutions concerned, (through the Director of Technical Education)

All Departments of Secretariat, Chennai – 9

The Registrar of all Universities under the control of Higher Education Department

Copy to:

The Special P.A. to Hon'ble Minister (Higher Education), Chennai – 9

The P.A. to Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department,  
Chennai – 9

The Human Resources Management (M2) Department, Chennai – 9

All Sections in Higher Education Department, Chennai – 9

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

*S. V. 033642* *NDM*  
*30/11/2021*  
SECTION OFFICER  
*30/11/21*