



ABSTRACT

Legal Education - Prescription of age limit for admission to 3 year and 5 year Law degree courses – Orders – Issued.

Law (LS) Department

G.O.(Ms.) No.194

Dated: 03.06.2015

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Read :

- 1) From the Director of Legal Studies Letter Rc.No. 962/A3 / 2015, dated 24.04.2015.
- 2) From the Registrar (i/c), Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University Letter No.C.F. No.959/Registrar/Law Admissions 2015, dated 27.04.2015.

ORDER:

Upto the academic year 2008-2009 there was no upper age limit for admission to the three year B.L. degree course. An upper age limit of 21 years was prescribed for admission to the 5 year integrated B.L. degree course. However, this age limit was not applicable to candidates belonging to SC/ST community.

2. In 2008, the Bar Council of India framed the Rules of Legal Education, 2008. Clause 28 under Schedule-III to Rule 11 of the Rules of Legal Education, 2008, provided for the upper age limit as follows:-

- (i) For the 5 year integrated B.L. programme, 20 years for general category applicants and 22 years for SC/ST/OBC applicants.
- (ii) For the 3 year B.L. course, 30 years for general category applicants and 35 years for SC/ST/OBC applicants.

3. Subsequent to the Bar Council of India's Rules of Legal Education, from the academic year 2009-2010 upper age limits have been prescribed for admission to the 3 year law degree course and the 5 year law degree course in Tamil Nadu.

4. In 2013, the Bar Council of India withdrew the rule pertaining to age restriction because the Punjab and Haryana High Court struck down the provision on the ground that the Rules are beyond the legislative competence of the Bar Council of India.

5. The Director of Legal Studies in his letter 1st read above has recommended that the age restriction which is in force at present for admission to Government Law Colleges may continue in the interest of the legal education.

6. The Registrar (i/c), Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai in his letter 2nd read above, has requested the Government to issue necessary instructions / orders as to whether admission to various law courses offered in the existing affiliated Government Law Colleges by the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University is to follow the existing eligibility criteria for age as it is in practice till the academic year 2014 – 2015.

7. The Government after careful consideration have decided to revert to the pre 2008-2009 position and accordingly, the Tamil Nadu Dr. Admbedkar Law University is directed to prescribe no age limit for 3 year Law degree course and an upper age limit of 21 years (except for SC/ST candidates) for 5 year integrated Law degree course in the Government Law Colleges and in the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, as followed upto the academic year 2008-2009.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

S.S.POOVALINGAM,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (i/c)

To

1. The Registrar (i/c), Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai – 28.
2. The Director of Legal Studies, Chennai – 35.

Copy to:

1. The Senior P.A. to Hon'ble Minister (Municipal Administration, Rural Development, Law, Courts and Prisons).
2. The P.S. to Secretary to Government, Law Department, Chennai – 9.
3. The Resident Audit Officer, Secretariat, Chennai – 9.

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