



ABSTRACT

Prisons - Complete waiver of course fees of University for all prisoners who enroll from Mahatma Gandhi Community College in Tamil Nadu Prisons in the Tamil Nadu Open University - Orders - Issued.

HOME(PRISON.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Ms) No. 273

Dated: 29.03.2012

Read:

1. From the Additional Director General of Police / Inspector General of Prisons, Chennai, letter No.4757/PW2/2010, dated 5.1.2011.
2. From the Registrar, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai, letter, dated 26.5.2011.
3. From the Director, ICRDCE, Chennai, letter, dated 30.11.2011.
4. From the Additional Director General of Police / Inspector General of Prisons, Chennai, letter No.4757/PW2/2010, dated 19.1.2011.
5. From the Registrar, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai, letter, dated 22.2.2012

ORDER:

The Prison Department is conducting various Educational and Vocational Training Programmes in different prisons through the Community Colleges with the help of Tamil Nadu Open University, with view to improve upon the employment and self-employment opportunities for the prisoners towards rehabilitation. In order to make this programme more organized, systematic and structured these activities were brought under the name of Mahatma Gandhi

Community College for the Tamil Nadu Prisoners with multi-campus in Central Prisons and other major prisons as study centers. Recently, Mahatma Gandhi Community College (MGCC), approved by the Tamil Nadu Open University is established in the Tamil Nadu Prison Department with multi campus facility in all Central Prisons and major prisons in the State. The Mahatma Gandhi Community College will coordinate with Tamil Nadu Open University and Indian Centre for Research and Development for Community Education, Chennai. The services of existing community colleges, approved by Tamil Nadu Open University, will be utilized for conducting theory and practical sessions at 9 Central Prisons, Borstal School, Pudukottai and Special Prison for Women, Puzhal, Vellore and Trichy and the course fees will be met from the fund sanctioned by the State Government.

2. The Courses offered through the community colleges, apart from the Vocational Diploma Programmes, will be very useful for jail inmates to get basic education and basic skills and then to get employment after their release. At present the Tamil Nadu Open University is giving 50% concession in course fees to all Jail inmates. The Government of Tamil Nadu has been sanctioning adequate funds for meeting the expenditure towards course fees etc.

3. At present the prisoners who have enrolled through Mahatma Gandhi Community College for various Vocational Courses offered by the Tamil Nadu Open University are being given 50 % fee concession of the category-wise prescribed Programme Fee. The remaining 50 % of the fee prescribed for the Programme is shared between the Community College and the University in the ratio of 57.5 % and 42.5 % respectively. A sum of Rs.1,750/- (i.e.) 50 % of the Programme Fee is being collected from the inmates of the prisons against the prescribed programme fee of Rs.3,500/- which is being collected from other students. Out of this concession fee amount of Rs.1,750/-, the University share amount is Rs. 744.12/-

Community College is Rs.1,006/- (57.5%). The University share amount of Rs.744/ is being utilized to meet out the expenditures incurred towards preparation, printing and distribution of course materials etc. to each inmate. The Community College share amount of Rs.1,006/- is utilized to meet out the expenditures incurred towards academic activities such as organizing Counseling Session, Conduct of Practical Classes and Assignment Evaluation.

4. In Budget Speech 2011-2012 the following announcements were found place:-

“Establishment of Mahatma Gandhi Community College – The Mahatma Gandhi Community College has been established in Central Prison, Puzhal and 8 other Central Prisons for imparting vocational courses this will facilitate reforms and rehabilitation of the inmates.”

5. The Director, Indian Centre for Research and Development of Community Education has stated that since the Prisoners are the most marginalized group they are happy to undertake the conducting of classes for the 2nd batch of students. They are also happy to arrange for the resource fee for the trainers as they have done for the 1st batch. Department of Prisons will not incur any financial expenses with regard to the resource fee for the trainers.

6. The Registrar, Tamil Nadu Open University has stated that “it was resolved by the Syndicate of the University that the University share of Rs.744/- (42.5 % of the Tuition Fee) per Jail inmate for the Certificate /Diploma Programmes offered through Mahatma Gandhi Community College, be waived”.

7. Therefore, the Additional Director General of Police/Inspector General of Prisons has requested the complete waiver of University fees for all prisoners who enroll from Mahatma Gandhi Community College in Tamil Nadu Prisons in the Tamil Nadu Open University which will go a long way in facilitating education for more prisoners.

8. The Government after detailed examination have decided to accept the proposal of the Additional Director General of Police/Inspector General of Prisons. Accordingly, the Government direct that the complete share of course fee of University for all prisoners who enroll admitted through Mahatma Gandhi Community College in Tamil Nadu Prisons in the Tamil Nadu Open University be completely waived.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.17543/Home-II/2012, dated 27.03.2012.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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All Superintendent of Central Prisons.
The Registrar,
Tamil Nadu Open University,
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The Director,
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The Pay and Accounts Officer, (East), Chennai-8.
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