TN SET Examination:

A candidate who appeared for the Tamil Nadu State Eligibility Test (TNSET) examination in February 2016 found to his dismay that though the Prospectus in the form of Notification published in the TNSET website said question papers for Life Sciences would be bilingual (English and Tamil), he was given only the English version at the time of the examination. He sent a petition under RTI Act on 24.2.2016 asking for the reason for this. The Mother Teresa University which was the Nodal Agency for this examination replied that the norms of the UGC had been followed, without properly explaining the discrepancy vis-à-vis the Notification. Based on the second appeal filed before the Commission on 5.5.2016, an enquiry was held on 24.6.16. It was clarified by the PIO that though the Notification had mentioned bilingual question paper, a Committee of Examiners and the Steering Committee later decided taking into account the UGC norms that the question papers for five subjects including Life Sciences would be only in English. It was further stated that this was published in the Home page of the TNSET website, though the Notification remained as it was originally published. The Commission directed the University to furnish the following information to the petitioner: 1. Norms of the UGC regarding medium of question paper. 2. Minutes of the meeting of the Steering Committee and Examiners. 3. A copy of the notice reportedly published on the Home page about the change made in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee. The petitioner was in this case able to get clarity and additional documents through his appeal under RTI. (4041/2016)