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# Won't interfere with work of principal, MU tells HC

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**Chennai:** Madras University has assured the Madras high court that it would not interfere with the functioning of the new principal of Stella Maris College in the administration of the institution.

Counsel for the university gave the undertaking, on a plea moved by the college challenging the decision of the university denying approval for appointment of Rosy Joseph as principal.

According to the college, Rosy Joseph, who had 19

years of teaching experience and was one of the senior-most faculty members serving as associate professor in the department of mathematics, was appointed purely based on her qualifications.

Subsequently, as mandated, the college sent the appointment proposal to the university in June 2017 for confirmation.

The university, however, said its syndicate had decided not to grant approval and told the college to follow the UGC Regulations, 2010.

Challenging the order,

the college contended that UGC Rules regarding such appointments would not apply to minority institutions like Stella Maris College.

It was further submitted that the Supreme Court had already declared that the rights conferred on minority institutions under Article 30(1) of the Constitution were intended to be real and effective and a promise of reality and not a teasing illusion. Such rights cannot be allowed to be whittled down by any measure masquerading as a regulation.

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