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## **PREAMBLE**

The regulations, herein referred to as the Ph.D. Regulations of the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University for the year 2025, are in compliance with the UGC's Minimum Standards and Procedures (Regulations) as amended by the UGC from time to time. They also align with the norms prescribed by The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University for the award of the Ph.D. Degree.

### **1. TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT**

- 1.1 The Regulations shall be known as 'The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University Ph.D. Regulations, 2025' of the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University.
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### **2. DEFINITION**

- 2.1 "*Affiliated Law Colleges*" refers to the Law Colleges affiliated to The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University.
- 2.2 "*Board of Examiners*" refers to the panel appointed by the University to evaluate Ph.D. theses submitted by candidates.
- 2.3 "*Board of Research Studies or Research Board*" refers to the board overseeing all research programs of the University.
- 2.4 "*Candidate*" refers to any person who meets the eligibility conditions as prescribed in Regulation 3 and intends to register for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.
- 2.5 "*Co-Guide*" refers to a recognized supervisor who jointly oversees the Ph.D. work of a candidate with the guide, satisfying eligibility as prescribed under Regulation 12.
- 2.6 "*Course Work*" refers to the compulsory preparatory study to be undertaken by candidates as prescribed by the Regulation.
- 2.7 "*Degree*" refers to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
- 2.8 "*Department*" refers to the academic department of the University.
- 2.9 "*Doctoral Committee/Research Advisory Committee*" refers to the committee constituted by the University to periodically oversee the progress of a candidate's research work.

- 2.10** *"Guide/Research Supervisor"* refers to the recognized supervisor who guides the research scholar, satisfying the eligibility as prescribed under Regulation 12.
- 2.11** *"Regulation"* refers to the Ph.D. regulations of the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, as amended from time to time.
- 2.12** *"Research Director"* refers to the Director of Research, Publications and Academic Affairs of the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University.
- 2.13** *"Research Scholar"* refers to a person duly admitted to the Ph.D. program under the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University Ph.D. Regulations.
- 2.14** *"University"* refers to The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University.
- 2.15** *"Viva Board"* refers to the board constituted for conducting the open/public defense of a research scholar.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION**

#### **3.1 Ph.D. Degree in Law (Full-Time)**

Candidates possessing a two-year/ One Year Master's Degree in Law from any recognized university through regular full-time study, having secured a minimum of 55% of marks in the aggregate or an equivalent grade on a point scale wherever a grading system is followed.

#### **3.1.2 Ph.D. Degree in Law (Part-Time)**

For candidates applying for part-time research in addition to the educational qualification prescribed in (3.1), the following requirements should be met:

- (a) Judges with a minimum of 5 years of regular service as Judicial Officers.
- (b) Teacher candidates who are in regular service in a university/institution deemed to be a university or in any of the affiliated colleges of this University or any other university recognized by UGC. They must have published at least two research papers in a refereed journal [Appendix – C].
- (c) Advocates possessing an M.L. Degree through regular full-time study should have a minimum of 5 years of professional experience and have published at least two research papers in a refereed journal [Appendix – C].
- (d) Candidates employed in a time scale of pay in the Research Institutions/Research Departments in the field of Law should have work experience of 5 years after

obtaining a Master's Degree through regular full-time study and have published at least two research papers in a refereed journal [Appendix – C].

### **3.2 Ph.D DEGREE (INTER-DISCIPLINARY)**

#### **3.2.1 Ph.D Degree (INTER-DISCIPLINARY) (Full Time)**

(a) Candidates possessing a Master's Degree in Engineering, Medicine, Forensic Science, Agriculture, Sports, Technology, or in other Humanities & Social Sciences, having secured a minimum of 55% or equivalent in its grade and a bachelor's Degree in Law from a recognized University through regular full-time study.

(b) Candidates who have qualified in the Company Secretary examinations (ACS) conducted by the ICSI and have been awarded associate membership of the institute, provided that the candidates have secured the qualification after the lapse of two years following the obtaining of a bachelor's degree in law from a recognized university through regular full-time study and have obtained a minimum of 55% marks in aggregate in the qualifying degree examinations.

(c) Candidates who have qualified in the Chartered Accountants Examination conducted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants and have been awarded membership of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, provided that the candidates have secured the qualification after the lapse of two years following the obtaining of a bachelor's degree in law from a recognized university through regular full-time study and have obtained a minimum of 55% in aggregate in the qualifying degree examinations.

#### **3.2.2 Ph.D Degree (INTER-DISCIPLINARY) (Part Time)**

Candidates applying for part-time research, in addition to the educational qualification as in 3.2.1, should possess the following requirements:

(a) Teacher candidates who are in regular service in a university/institution deemed to be a university or in any of the affiliated colleges of this University or any other university recognized by UGC in the concerned subject. They must have published at least two research papers in a refereed journal [Appendix – C].

- (b) Candidates employed in a time scale of pay in the Research Institutions/Research Departments should have work experience of 5 years after obtaining the Master's Degree through regular full-time study, of which at least two years should be relevant in the field of research, and they should have published at least two research papers in a refereed journal [Appendix – C].
- (c) Candidates employed, other than a teacher, in a permanent job in a registered firm/institution with a minimum of 4 years of total working experience after obtaining a (PG) degree are eligible to apply for the Ph.D. program (INTER-DISCIPLINARY) (part-time).

### **3.3 Relaxation of Marks**

A relaxation of 5% of marks from 55% to 50% may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/Differently Abled Persons and for those candidates who obtained their Master's Degree prior to September 19, 1991.

### **3.4 Reservation**

Admission shall be based on the criteria notified by the university, in accordance with the guidelines/norms issued from time to time by the UGC and other statutory bodies concerned. The reservation policy of the Government of Tamil Nadu, adopted from time to time, will also be taken into account.

**3.4.1** The above Reservation Policy must be followed while allocating candidates to their respective guides.

## **4. ADMISSION**

### **4.1 Procedure for Admission (Full Time/ Part Time)**

Admissions for the Ph.D. program shall be advertised in January every year, subject to the availability of vacancies after the prior advertisement.

- (a) Candidates seeking admission must complete the prescribed application form and submit it with relevant documents by the specified date mentioned in the admission notification.



(b) The eligibility criteria for admission to the Ph.D. program will be based on the criterion notified by The Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University Ph.D. Regulations, 2025.

(c) There shall be a common entrance examination for Law & Interdisciplinary studies conducted by the Controller of Examinations of the university for all candidates (full - time/part-time), except those mentioned in 4.2, as per the UGC Regulations. The exam shall consist of questions for 100 marks, comprising multiple choice questions in the following subjects:

- a) Constitutional Law
- b) Jurisprudence
- c) Legal Research Methodology
- d) General Knowledge/ Research Aptitude/ Reasoning

The question paper shall contain 50 multiple-choice questions of two marks each, and the results of the Common Entrance Exam shall be declared by the Controller of Examinations, who shall issue the eligibility certificate to successful candidates.

**(d) A candidate securing at least 50% marks (45 marks in the case of SC/ST/DifferentlyAbled category) in the Entrance test shall be eligible. Based on the merit among the eligible candidates and the availabilityof vacancies, candidates shall be called for an interview. The Common Entrance Exam marks shall have no bearing on the interview.**

**(e) The interview shall be for a maximum of 50marks, with 20 marks allotted to the written proposal (submitted along with the application form), 10 marks for the presentation of the research topic, and the remaining 20 marks for the interview, which will be based on the researcharea and general research methodology.**

(f) Shortlisted candidates must appear for an interview and present their research area before a duly constituted Ph.D. admission Committee. If the Admission Committee finds a candidate suitable forpursuingthe Ph.D. research program, the candidate shall be allowed to provisionally register under the Ph.D. program.

(g) The Admission Committee/Interview Board shall duly certify the eligibility of the candidate based on the performance in the interview. The selected candidate shall be issued an admission letter by the appropriate authority for provisional registration.

## **4.2 Category Exempted From Entrance Examination**

Candidates who have qualified in UGC-NET (including JRF)/UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF)/ SLET or SET conducted by the State of Tamil Nadu are exempted from the entrance test for enrollment in the Ph.D. program. However, such candidates must appear for an interview before a duly constituted Ph.D. Admission Committee.

## **4.3 Interview Board/ Admission Committee**

The interview board/Admission Committee shall be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor. The committee members shall consist of the Research Director as the Chairman, three Guides/Professors, and one or two external members as subject experts who are Professors/Associate Professors recognized as guides by the University/Institution.

*Note 1: Candidates seeking admission to the Ph.D. program must submit their research proposals along with the application to the Research Director. The Research Director shall evaluate them and have the marks ready on the date of the interview. Submitting/Presenting a different proposal at the time of interview will not be entertained.*

*Note 2: Successful completion of the entrance test and appearing before the admission committee for an interview does not guarantee admission to the Ph.D. degree program.*

## **5 DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME**

### **5.1 Full Time Programme**

The duration of Ph.D.-Full time programme shall be of a minimum period of three years, from the date of registration including course work and a maximum of six years.

### **5.2 Part Time Programme**

Part time Ph.D. programme shall be of a minimum period of three years, from the date of registration including course work and a maximum of six years.

### **5.3 Extension beyond the Maximum Time Limit**

The maximum time limit for submission of the Ph.D thesis from the date of provisional registration is 6 years for both full time and part time Ph.D research scholars. However, extension of time may be permitted for duration of one year at a time not exceeding a maximum of 2 extensions based on the progress of work. A default fee as prescribed by the University in addition to regular fee shall be paid for each year of extension. After 2 extensions, the registration shall automatically lapse without any information from the university. No further extension shall be granted under any circumstances.

- 5.4** The Women candidates and persons with disability [more than 40% disability] may be allowed a relaxation for 2 years in the maximum duration subject to paying fees as per rules prescribed for regular candidates. In addition, the women candidates may be provided Maternity leave/Child care leave once in the entire duration of the Ph.D programme upto 240 days.

## **6. PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION [FULL TIME AND PART TIME]**

- (a) A candidate, certified as eligible for the Ph.D. program by the admission committee, will be allowed to provisionally register with the approval of the university and on payment of the prescribed fee.
- (b) Candidates applying for provisional registration shall specify the subject of research in which they intend to pursue and the details of the recognized guide under whom they propose to do research. Additionally, a copy of the research proposal presented before the admission committee shall be submitted along with the application for provisional registration [Appendix – A].
- (c) In the case of topics that are of an interdisciplinary nature, candidates will be permitted to have a co-guide on the recommendation of the supervisor/Doctoral Committee, if necessary. The co-guide shall be a duly recognized guide of the University.

The functions of the Director of Research are to:

- i. Issue a letter of provisional registration for the Ph.D. Program
- ii. Constitute the Doctoral Committee.

iii. Monitor the progress of the research scholar through the meetings of the Doctoral Committee.

iv. Consolidating the reports received for Ph.D thesis submitted by external examiners and conducting Ph.D open defense.

## **7. ATTENDANCE**

(a) Attendance is compulsory for Ph.D. full-time (Both Stipendiary and Non-Stipendiary) scholars for the minimum period as prescribed in these regulations. Beyond the minimum period, Ph.D. full-time scholars may be permitted to take leave of absence and allowed to submit the thesis before the expiry of the maximum period as prescribed in the regulations. The candidates shall pay all applicable fees, including tuition fees, until the submission of the thesis. They shall appear before the Research Advisory Committee. Leave of absence will be granted only by the University.

(b) Full-time research scholar shall sign the attendance register or biometric on all working days. The research department's office shall maintain a common attendance register or biometric for all full-time research scholars. All full-time scholars are required to handle classes for both UG and PG courses and participate in and attend academic activities assigned by the department.

(c) Full-time research scholars are eligible for a total of 15 days of leave every semester and a maximum of 30 days in a calendar year. They shall avail of this leave after obtaining permission from the supervisor, HoD, and Research Director.

(d) In the case of data collection and attending seminars/conferences outside the University, with prior permission, full-time research scholars may attend the work as 'On Other Duty'. However, it is mandatory for scholars to maintain 75% attendance by being present on the university campus.

## **8. DOCTORAL COMMITTEE (OR) RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS**

8.1 A Doctoral Committee shall be constituted for each candidate after their provisional registration for the Ph.D. program. The Guide/Supervisor of the candidate should suggest a panel of names for the constitution of the Committee.

8.2 The panel suggested by the Guide of the candidate will be nominated and approved by the Research Director. The Doctoral Committee/Research Advisory Committee constituted by the University shall consist of:

(a) The Guide of the Candidate shall be the Convener of the committee.

(b) The HoD of the Department.

(c) One faculty member from the university/ affiliated colleges who shall be a guide of this university.

(d) One faculty member outside the university but within the State or from neighboring States who shall be a guide of their respective universities.

Wherever the Guide is the HoD, a senior faculty shall be included in the Committee from the Department. In departments where the number of faculty is less than 2, the members of the Committee shall be chosen from the Department specializing in a related field. However, the maximum number of members of the Committee shall be limited to 5. The guide can make a written request to the Research Director for a replacement of the member due to long absence, superannuation, or resignation of a Doctoral Committee member or for any valid reasons.

8.3 The following responsibilities are required to be carried out from the date of provisional registration till the date of submission of the thesis:

(a) Review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research, subjects for coursework and the syllabus for background and advanced paper.

(b) Guide the research scholar to develop the study design and methodology of research.

(c) Periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the scholar.

(d) Monitor that the research scholars (part-time/full-time) submit reports to the University once every six months.

8.4 A research scholar shall appear before the Doctoral Committee once in every six months to make a presentation of the progress of their work for evaluation and further guidance. The six-monthly progress reports shall be submitted by the guide after getting approval from the committee members to the university.

8.5 The first meeting of the committee shall be within six months after the provisional registration of the candidate. In this meeting, the Doctoral Committee shall prescribe the courses that the candidate is required to undertake for the Part 1 examination. The candidate shall be permitted to proceed further only if the Committee is satisfied with the progress of the research work of the candidate.

## **9. BOARD OF RESEARCH STUDIES**

(a) To regulate the research program, the University shall consist of a Board of Research Studies. The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman.

(b) The Board shall consist of the Director of UG and PG Studies of the University, and the Director of Legal Studies shall be Ex-Officio Members. Three HoDs nominated by the Vice-Chancellor based on seniority. Among the three, one HoD will be from Inter-Disciplinary Studies. One Professor from Law, Two Associate Professors who are recognized as Guides and not HoDs shall be members on a rotation basis by seniority. Among the two Associate Professors, one must be from Inter-Disciplinary Studies.

(c) Apart from the above, three outside experts not below the rank of a Professor from Law shall be external members nominated by the Vice-Chancellor based on the recommendation of a panel of experts from the Director of Research Studies. The Director of Research shall be the member Secretary.

(d) The Board of Research Studies normally may meet twice a year. However, special meetings may be called with the permission of the Chairman at any time by giving fortnight's notice.

(e) One third of the members shall constitute the quorum, out of which one external member needs to be present.

(f) Except for ex-officio members, all other members will have a term of 3 years from the date of nomination or until their retirement or ceasing to be a Guide. Any vacancy arising may be replaced accordingly by the Chairman.

## **10. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE RESEARCH BOARD**

1. The Research Board shall be the final authority to make appropriate decisions on all aspects governing research, including addressing the concerns of research scholars, the topic of research, and all other related matters.

2. The Chairman of the Research Board is empowered to make all decisions on behalf of the Board, which may be placed for ratification or approval whenever it meets.

3. If any candidate is not satisfied with the decision of the Research Board, they may appeal to the Chairman of the Research Board for revision/reconsideration, or it may be placed before the Syndicate of the University. The decision taken by the Chairman or the Syndicate shall be final and binding on the candidate.

4. The Research Board shall approve a list of names of experts as Examiners submitted by the Research Director in consultation with the Chairman, both in Law and Inter-Disciplinary. This list shall be placed before the Syndicate for approval. The Research Board may revise such a list at regular intervals.

## **11. PROGRESS OF RESEARCH WORK**

11.1 After Provisional Registration, candidates shall submit the progress report every six months.

The following documents are required to be submitted along with the application to the Research Director through the Guide and HoD:

- a) Six-monthly Progress Reports of the candidate approved by the Doctoral Committee (format enclosed – [Appendix – E]).

b) The prescribed tuition and other fees shall be paid in the form of a challan along with the progress report. Failure to comply with fee payment on time will attract a penalty of Rs. 3000/-.

c) The Guide's recommendation regarding the progress of research is recorded in the progress report. [Progress Report Format annexed in [Appendix – E]]

11.2 Candidates failing to submit the six-month report along with the prescribed fees for more than a year will be treated as having discontinued from the Ph.D. program, and this shall be notified by the Registrar of the University.

## **12. ALLOCATION OF RESEARCH SUPERVISOR/GUIDE**

(a) Every Ph.D. Scholar registered for the Ph.D. program in Law/Inter-Disciplinary shall work under the continuous supervision of a recognized guide of the University, and in the matter of interdisciplinary studies, under the supervision of both Guide and Co-Guide.

(b) The University shall prepare a panel of research Supervisors in each discipline, and the same shall be posted on the website of the University. Prospective candidates can approach the Supervisor and obtain his/her consent letter to act as their Guide.

(c) The Guide shall submit a declaration about the vacancy available from time to time to the office of the Registrar through the Research Director. [Appendix – B]

(d) Assignment of Guides will be made by the Head of the Department in accordance with the preferences of the research scholars and Guides. In case a candidate finds it difficult to procure a guide, the research director will take necessary steps to provide a guide at the earliest to such candidates, depending on the vacancy position of guides or at the earliest.

(e) A candidate's close relatives/blood relatives/spouse cannot act as his/her guide or co-guide.

(f) A Faculty member who is due to retire within 1 year from service shall not be entitled to take any fresh scholars as a guide.



### **13. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR RESEARCH GUIDES/CO-GUIDES:**

- 13.1 A full-time regular Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor in law working in any department of this university or in any of the affiliated colleges of this university, holding a Ph.D. Degree in law, with teaching experience of not less than 3 years and 2 publications in their area of research in reputed/peer-reviewed journals, "UGC Care list, UGC recognized old Journals" after obtaining the Ph.D. degree in law, shall be recognized as a research guide. Apart from the above, a candidate should have presented at least one full paper in an International/National Conference/Workshop/Symposia.
- 13.2 A Full-time Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor in Inter-Disciplinary Studies working in the University Departments/affiliated law colleges or such other recognized institution in the field concerned holding a Ph.D. degree in the concerned discipline with teaching experience of not less than 3 years and 2 publications in their area of research in reputed/peer-reviewed journals, "UGC Care list, UGC recognized old Journals" shall be recognized as a research guide. Apart from the above, a candidate should have presented at least one full paper in an International/National Conference/Workshop/Symposia.
- 13.3 In Inter-Disciplinary studies, based on the research area of a candidate, the recognized guides in the University/affiliated law colleges in interdisciplinary studies belonging to the area of such candidate shall be a guide, and a recognized guide in law has to be a co-guide if such interdisciplinary faculty members do not possess a Bachelor's Degree in Law.
- 13.4 Faculty members desiring to supervise candidates of Law/Inter-Disciplinary studies shall submit the application to the Research Director with a detailed curriculum vitae (CV) along with two sets of copies of publications and evidence of the presentation of papers in conferences/workshops/symposia.
- 13.5 The Research Director, with the permission of the Chairman, shall call for panelment of Guides every year in the first week of March by giving a one-month notice.

After such notification and scrutiny of the applications, the Research Director shall submit to the University for placing before the Research Board. After the approval of the Research Board, such Guides shall be notified as Guides of Research, subject to the approval of the Syndicate.

13.6 Faculties who join the University after serving elsewhere can also apply for guide positions, provided they satisfy the eligibility criteria in their discipline (as stated above and not exceeding the maximum quota of limit to guide scholars as per UGC regulations).

13.7 A Guide/Co-Guide has to declare the number of Research scholars working with him/her at the time of enrollment of each Research scholar, which includes full-time and part-time.

<b>Category of Supervisor</b>	<b>Maximum Number of Research scholars</b>
Professor	08
Associate Professor	06
Assistant Professor	04

#### **14. CONVERSION OF FULL-TIME REGISTRATION INTO PART-TIME**

**14.1** Any research scholar who has registered for Full-time Ph.D. Programme shall be converted to Part-time only after completion of one year of registration in to Ph.d.

**14.2** Any research scholar who has got a full-time employment shall be allowed to be converted from full-time to part-time subject to the submission of No objection certificate from the concerned employer and on submission of the copy of the appointment letter.

14.3 Any full-time candidate who has completed their minimum period of three years shall be allowed to be converted to part-time. This may be extended to the scholars who are currently pursuing their full-time Ph.D in the university.

## 15. CHANGE OF SUPERVISOR

15.1 Generally, a change of Guide is not permissible. Upon the recommendation of the Doctoral Committee, HoD, and Research Director, the Chairman of the Research Board may approve a change of Guide for a research scholar only under exceptional circumstances, such as death, disability, change of place, medical conditions of the Guide, or any other valid reasons. The decision may be placed before the Research Board of Studies for ratification.

15.2 Change of supervisor can be permitted with mutual consent given by both the original and proposed guide. In case the change of supervisor is without the consent of anyone of the parties concerned, the matter shall be referred by the Research Director to the Chairman, Board of Research Studies, whose decision shall be final.

15.3 In case any recognized Guide of the University/affiliated colleges is availing long leave/lien/deputation beyond a period of six months and up to one year or more or on retirement, in such cases on their written request of such Supervisor, the university may appoint a Co-Guide. In the absence of the request, on the recommendation made by the Research Director, the University will appoint any other Guide as a Co-Guide from amongst the Guides within the University/affiliated law colleges.

15.4 A faculty member recognized as a Guide ceases to be a Guide on attaining superannuation or by resignation. In the above two cases, the candidates already registered shall be permitted to continue under such Guides, provided the Guides are willing to continue to Guide. In case, for any reason, a change has to be made, the University may allot a fresh Guide, subject to availability of Guides in the university.

## **16. CO-GUIDE/CO-SUPERVISOR**

- a) The Guide and Co-Guide shall be solely responsible for all matters of research in which such interdisciplinary candidates are concerned.
- b) The candidate shall finalize and submit the thesis through the guide, acknowledging and crediting the co-guide. This acknowledgment should also be mentioned in the Ph.D. notification by the registrar after the successful completion of the Ph.D.
- c) The Doctoral Committee of the Research Scholar shall appoint a Co-Guide within 12 months from the date of joining the Ph.D. program. However, the Doctoral Committee may recommend the appointment of a Co-Guide even after the time limit for valid reasons.
- d) When a faculty member retires, they will continue to be a Guide. However, if a Co-Guide is in service, they will be appointed additionally. The retired Guide will be invited to all meetings related to the research progress of the candidate, including the open defense for the candidate..
- e) A Supervisor can also act as a Co-Guide to accommodate interdisciplinary aspects of research. The number of candidates registered under a Co-Guide shall be counted while determining the permissible number of candidates registered under a particular Guide/Supervisor. The Supervisor/Guide shall be responsible for the successful completion of a Ph.D. program for a candidate.

## **17 CHANGE OF TITLE**

- 17.1 A candidate who wishes to change the title of the thesis after registration must apply to the office of the research director through the guide. This application should include the recommendation of the doctoral committee and payment of the prescribed fee. Such a change can be permitted at any time before the pre-submission viva voce.
- 17.2 After completing the coursework, if the candidate decides to change the research topic, they are required to undergo the re-registration process. Additionally, the candidate is eligible to apply for a pre-submission colloquium only after a three-year period from the date of the re-registration

17.3 Upon a Ph.D. candidate's decision to change their research topic post-admission, the cancellation of their registration is contingent on obtaining official permission from the Research Board.

## 18. COURSEWORK

18.1 (a) Every candidate provisionally registered for the Ph.D. program shall undertake coursework in the first year as prescribed by the Doctoral Committee, based on the recommendation of the department where he/she pursues research. The details of the coursework under Part I of the Ph.D. Program are as follows:

PAPER	TITLE OF THE PAPER	MARKS		CREDITS
		MAX	MIN	
I	Research Methodology	100	50	4
II	Advanced Paper	100	50	3
III	Research Integrity	100	50	3
IV	Background Paper	100	50	5

**Note:**

**Background Paper:** The background paper serves as the foundation of your Ph.D. research.

**Advanced Paper:** The advanced paper represents the core of your original contribution to the field.

(b) A Ph.D. scholar has to obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or its equivalent grade on the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade/CGPA on a point scale wherever grading systems are followed) in the coursework to be eligible to continue in the program and submit the dissertation/thesis.

(c) A candidate who fails in the written examination of one or more papers may be permitted only once to re-appear for the examination of those papers within 3 months of the publication of results.

(d) The Controller of Examinations shall take necessary steps to obtain the question papers set by the respective guides of the candidates, notify the date of examinations, and ensure the scripts are evaluated by the respective guide of the candidate as an internal examiner and by another external examiner. The mark lists will be sent to the office of the Director for Research studies by the Controller of Examinations.

### **18.2 Confirmation of Provisional Registration**

The provisional registration of a candidate for the Ph.D. Degree shall be confirmed based on the successful completion of coursework. All successful candidates shall receive a course completion certificate containing the title of the course, marks/grades scored, and the candidate will be registered under Part II of the Ph.D. program. They shall be permitted to proceed with their research work and submit the thesis at the expiry of the minimum total period of research prescribed after provisional registration. The confirmation of provisional registration will be decided as per the UGC regulations.

### **18.3 Exemption From Pre-Ph.D–Part I Examination**

Candidates with an M.Phil. Degree, admitted to the Ph.D. Programme, or possessing any other qualification prescribed by the University in this regard from time to time, are exempted from taking the Pre-Ph.D Examination. This exemption is subject to the condition that they are admitted to the research program in their own discipline and based on the recommendation of the Doctoral Committee.

## **19. CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION**

- (a) The registration of a candidate for the Ph.D. may be cancelled on the grounds of lack of progress, as per the report of the concerned guide, by affording an opportunity to the candidate for defending his/her case.
- (b) If, in the opinion of the Doctoral Committee, a candidate's work is unsatisfactory, the committee will record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. If the research scholar fails to implement these corrective measures, the Doctoral Committee shall issue a show-cause notice for cancellation of registration.
- (c) The response of the concerned candidate to the show-cause notice shall be considered by the Doctoral Committee, which may then recommend to the Vice-

Chancellor that the candidate be allowed to continue with his/her research or that the registration be cancelled.

(d) After considering the recommendations of the Committee, the Vice-Chancellor may either permit the candidate to continue with his/her research or cancel the registration of the candidate, subject to the approval of the Board of Research Studies.

(e) If the candidate does not respond to the show-cause notice, then, upon the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee, the Vice-Chancellor shall cancel the registration of the candidate, and this decision shall be notified by the Registrar.

(f) The registration of the candidate will be automatically cancelled if he/she fails to submit the Ph.D. thesis within the maximum time limit as per the UGC Regulations (as mentioned in 3.4).

### **19.1 Right to Appeal**

(a) A candidate whose registration is cancelled shall have the right to appeal to the Board of Research Studies, and such an appeal should be submitted in writing within 60 days from the date of receipt of the order.

(b) The Board of Research Studies, upon proper examination of the case, may either uphold the Doctoral Committee's advice or reverse such a decision or take any other appropriate action in the matter. The decision of the Board of Research Studies shall be final and binding on the candidate.

### **20. SUBMISSION OF SYNOPSIS**

20.1 (a) Prior to the submission of the Ph.D. thesis, every candidate shall submit synopsis to the doctoral committee through the supervisor, of his/her Ph.D. thesis highlighting the contents of the proposed thesis together with the title of the thesis.

(b) After presentation before the doctoral committee a revised synopsis shall be submitted to the university with the necessary suggestions carried out as suggested by the committee not less than 3 months before the submission of the Ph.D. thesis in the form of hard copy and soft copy (electronic version) along with the certificate of the Doctoral Committee and prescribed fee. The hard copy should not exceed 20 pages

typed on one side only of A4 size with one and a half space. The University shall prescribe a format for the synopsis. [Appendix–F].



- (c) The synopsis presentation may be conducted both offline/online mode based on the availability of the members as fixed by the Guide.
- (d) If the Doctoral committee finds that the candidate has made satisfactory progress, it may approve and recommend the candidate to submit the final thesis.
- (e) If the Doctoral Committee is not satisfied with the Pre-thesis submission of a candidate, the scholar may be given a chance to reappear before the committee again after a gap of one month.

## **2.02 Panel of Examiners**

- (a) At the time of submission of the thesis, a panel of 6 examiners shall be submitted by the Research Supervisors from amongst the list approved by the Syndicate to the Director, Research, in the prescribed proforma in a sealed cover. The Research Director, in turn, shall forward the same to the Office of the Chairman of the Research Board for approval and necessary action.
- (b) In case, in the Inter-Disciplinary area if any of such expert's names is not available in the recognized list, the Supervisors concerned shall submit a panel of names who

are already recognized as Guides by such institutions at least three months in advance to the Research Director for onward transmission to the Chairman, Research Board for approval with necessary documents to be placed before the syndicate for approval.

After receipt of the panel of names, the Office of the Chairman of the Research Board of Studies will process and procure the consent of the three examiners approved by the Chairman or such Research section created in the future which works under the supervision of the Chairman of the Research Board.

## **21. PLAGIARISM TEST AND PLAGIARISM CHARGES**

21.1 (a) Every candidate, before submitting the final dissertation, has to submit a soft copy of the Thesis in full form completed in all respects for a Plagiarism test to the Guide.

(a) Upon receipt of such a soft copy, the Guide and Co-Guide have to check the Thesis for a Plagiarism test through such designated software recognized by the University through recognized personnel.

(b) The level of such plagiarism test shall not be more than 10%. The report should be signed by both the Guide and Co-Guide. Such a report shall form part of the Thesis, the last page.

(c) At the time of submission of the Thesis, such plagiarism, along with a full copy of the Thesis that was placed for a plagiarism test in a soft copy, should be submitted to the Director, Research Studies, for onward transmission to the Office of the Chairman, Board of Research Studies.

## **22. SUBMISSION OF Ph.D. THESIS**

(a) The candidate is eligible to submit his/her thesis only after the completion of 3 years of research work from the date of his/her Registration, i.e., from the date of provisional registration.

(b) The Ph.D. scholar must publish at least one (1) research paper in a refereed journal and make 2 paper presentations in conferences/seminars relating to his/her research

topic before the submission of the dissertation/thesis for adjudication and produce evidence for the same in the form of a presentation certificate and/or reprints.

(c) A candidate shall prepare a thesis in English embodying substantial work of original research done by him/her and submit 6 copies of the Ph.D. Thesis in hard binding form and an electronic version of the Thesis in PDF format (3 CDs) [Appendix–Q] for evaluation, within 3 months from the date of submission of the revised synopsis. The length of the thesis should be a minimum of 300 pages to a maximum of 340 printed on both sides.

(d) The thesis for submission shall have an undertaking from the research scholar and a certificate from the research supervisor attesting to the originality of the work, vouching that there is no plagiarism (Appendix - G) and that the work has not been submitted for the award of any other Degree/Diploma of the same institution where the work was carried out, or to any other institution (Appendix–H& I). The title page of the thesis, cover, etc., should strictly conform to the format prescribed by the University [Appendix – F].

(e) The thesis, along with the application for a Ph.D. degree for evaluation, should be submitted not later than 6 months after the submission of the final synopsis, through the supervisor, HoD, and Research Director.

(f) A candidate shall make a written request for his/her inability to submit the thesis within 6 months from the date of submission of the synopsis, through the supervisor to the Research director. Based on the recommendation of the Doctoral committee, HoD, and Research Director, he/she may be given a maximum of two extensions of 3 months each with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor on valid grounds. However, it is subject to the maximum time limit for the submission of the thesis as prescribed in 5.4. After the expiry of such extensions, the registration for the Ph.D. will stand automatically canceled.

(g) If a candidate fails to submit the thesis within 1 year from the date of submission of the synopsis, he/she has to submit the revised synopsis and appear before the doctoral Committee again by remitting the prescribed fee, and the same shall be applicable for women candidates and persons with disabilities (more than 40% disability). A fresh panel of examiners shall then be submitted by following the process as mentioned in 19.2.

(h) Women candidates and persons with disabilities (more than 40% disability) are

eligible for a maximum of 2 extensions of 6 months each at the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor. However, it is subject to the maximum time limit for the submission of the thesis as prescribed in 5.4 after the expiry of such extensions; the registration for the Ph.D. will stand automatically canceled.

(i) If any candidate fails to submit his/her Ph.D. Thesis within six years, he/she may apply to the University for an extension of his/her registration for a maximum of one year with the recommendation of the guide through the Research Director to the Board of Research Studies by remitting the prescribed fee to the university for approval. (Refer 5.4)

(j) If the candidate fails to submit the thesis even after seven years, then his/her Ph.D. registration is annulled, and such a candidate has to begin the admission if he/she desires to work again.

### **23. EVALUATION OF THE Ph.D. THESIS**

(a) The Research Director shall forward all the 6 copies of the final thesis to the office of the Vice-Chancellor. The entire evaluation process shall take place under the direction of the Vice-Chancellor within a period of six months from the date of submission of the thesis.

(b) The Vice-Chancellor shall choose any three External Examiners within the panel given by the guide.

(c) The Board of Examiners so appointed shall carry out the evaluation and report on the merit of the thesis. After evaluation, each Examiner is required to send a detailed report on the thesis along with a short report duly signed and filled as prescribed in the proforma sent by the University for the adjudication of the Ph.D. thesis (Appendix - J).

(d) The Board of examiners shall report on the merit of the candidate as "Highly Commended" or "Commended" "Satisfactory" or "to be re-submitted" or "not Commended".

(e) The public viva-voce of the research scholar to defend the thesis shall be conducted only if the evaluation report(s) of all the external examiners on the thesis is/are satisfactory and includes a specific recommendation for conducting the viva-voce examination. Each examiner in the report may ask clarifying questions, if any, to be answered at the time of Viva-voce examination.

(f) If any of the examiner/examiners requires the candidate to carry out any

corrections/modifications, the candidate shall be asked to carry out the same in the thesis through the supervisor. Two copies of the revised thesis duly certified by the guide and Doctoral Committee shall be submitted by the candidate together with the list of corrections before the Public Viva-voice examination.

(g) When examiners differ in their report on the merit of the candidate:

(i) If the examiners unanimously have not commended, then the thesis shall be rejected, and the research scholar shall be declared ineligible for the award of Ph.D Degree. The university shall notify the rejection of the thesis and cancellation of Ph.D registration.

(ii) If one of the evaluation reports of the external examiners is unsatisfactory and does not recommend open defense, the Board of Research studies shall refer the thesis to another examiner (fourth examiner) out of the approved panel of examiners without sending the report of the other examiners, and the open defense shall be held only if the report of the latest examiner (fourth examiner) is satisfactory. If the report of the latest is also unsatisfactory, the thesis shall be rejected, and the research scholar shall be declared ineligible for the award of Ph.D Degree. The university shall notify the rejection of the thesis and cancellation of Ph.D registration.

(h) If the examiner/examiners require the candidate for revision and resubmission for further evaluation, then the revised thesis duly certified by the guide, Doctoral Committee, Head of the Department, and Research Director shall be sent to the same examiner for further evaluation.

(i) If there is no specific instruction/in the absence of instruction in this regard, the revised thesis need not be sent back to the examiners. However, the revised thesis duly certified by the supervisor, Doctoral Committee, and the Research Director will be accepted, and the candidate shall be allowed to appear for the open defense.

(j) The revised thesis duly certified by the supervisor shall be submitted with the payment of the prescribed fee within a duration not exceeding a period of 1 year from the date of declaration of the results along with the statement from the candidate specifying the details of the additional research work done. The university shall refer the revised thesis to the same examiner who evaluated the thesis for re-valuation at the earliest.

#### **24. OPEN DEFENSE (PART II EXAMINATION)**

(a) All three examiners shall send the Evaluation report directly to the Vice-Chancellor of the University. If all three reports unanimously recommend the award of

the Ph.D. degree, the Vice-Chancellor may direct the Research Director to consolidate the reports and submit the same to the Vice-Chancellor for fixing the date of open defense in consultation with one of the external examiners chosen by the Vice-Chancellor.

(b) The open defense shall be conducted on any working day and shall be within three months from the date of consolidation of reports. The Open defense Board should consist of External Examiner as Chairperson, Research Director, and the concerned supervisor as members.

(c) The Research Director shall conduct the Viva-voice examination, and it shall be open to be attended by members of the Doctoral Committee, Faculty members of the university, other Research Scholars, students, and interested experts/researchers.

(d) The Research Director shall give wide publicity by giving at least 10 working days (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and Public holidays) for scheduling open defense. The examination time limit for conducting the open defenses shall be three months from the date of consolidation of reports.

(e) If for any reason the supervisor is unable to participate in the open defense examinations, the Vice-Chancellor will be authorized to appoint a faculty member who is a recognized guide of the University in the place of Supervisor.

(f) In case where the open defense examiner appointed by the Vice-Chancellor is not in a position to participate in the open defense, the Vice-Chancellor will be authorized to appoint the examiner within the panel of examiners.

(g) If the candidate is unable to take the open defense within three months on valid grounds, the Vice-Chancellor can permit a two-month extension on written request from the candidate through the supervisor and on the recommendation of the Doctoral Committee and Head of the Department. The Research Director shall forward the request letter to the Vice-Chancellor. If the candidate fails to take the open defense after the two months extension, the Ph.D. registration shall be canceled.

(h) During extraordinary circumstances when it is not possible to conduct the viva-voce examination on the campus of the university, subject to the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, Ph.D. viva examinations may be conducted through video conferencing. While conducting open defense through video conference, it may also be ensured that it shall be open to be attended by members of the Doctoral Committee, all faculty members of the university, other research scholars, students, and interested

experts/researchers and students besides research supervisor and expert examiner(s).

The university shall maintain due record of the same, including the signed report from the expert examiner appointed for the conduct of open defense examinations.

(i) In the open defense Session, the Research Director will introduce the external-examiner. The candidate shall make a 30 minutes presentation of the thesis. After the presentation, the external examiners shall begin the questioning session, followed by the Faculty and the audience present.

(j) On completion of the Viva-voice examination, the Research Director consolidates the recommendation and shall send the following to the registrar to notify the declaration of the result [Appendix – L]:

(i) Proceedings of the Viva-voice examination.

(ii) Evaluation and Consolidated reports.

(k) The Registrar shall send the Ph.D., Declaration Notification to the office of the Research Director, guide and co-guide, and issue a copy to the candidate.

(l) The Research Director shall forward a copy of the Ph.D., Declaration Notification along with the list of participants in the open defense examination [Appendix – M] with their signature, designation, and address to the Controller of Examinations.

(m) A candidate who is not successful at the open defense examination may be permitted to take the open defense exam a second time within a period of two months on the payment of the prescribed fee. In the event that he/she is not successful again, his/her candidature for the degree may be rejected. The candidate shall not be permitted to appear for the Public Viva-voice examination for the third time.

(n) The notification of Ph.D. declaration must be ratified by the Syndicate. After the issue of the notification, the Thesis will be posted on the website, and the same will be sent to Inlibnet as prescribed by the UGC regulations.

(o) Prior to the actual award of the degree, the Controller of Examinations shall issue a provisional certificate to the effect that the Degree has been awarded in accordance with the provision of the UGC Regulations, 2016.

## **25. AWARD OF DEGREE**

(a) Candidates who qualify for the Ph.D., degree shall be awarded the degree in their respective discipline at the time of convocation, and the certificates shall incorporate the

title of the thesis.

(b) Candidates who have qualified for the Ph.D., degree in the interdisciplinary area, on the recommendation of the Doctoral Committee, the University may issue the degree in the respective discipline under which they have registered and completed the Ph.D., program. The format of the degree certificates shall bear the discipline of the department in which the candidate has conducted his/her Doctoral Research, indicating them as Interdisciplinary.

#### **26. PUBLICATION OF THE THESIS**

If a candidate intends to publish the thesis, he/she shall seek the permission of the University for Publication. The University, based on the report of the examiners, may issue the certificate referring to the specifications mentioned therein.

#### **27. POWER TO REMOVE DIFFICULTIES**

In implementing these regulations, notwithstanding anything specified therein, the Chairman, Research Board shall have the power to remove any difficulties, and such decision shall be binding.

#### **28. SAVING CLAUSE**

These regulations will come into effect from the date of their notification prospectively.



**Submission of Research Proposal**

**Along with the application form (for Registration) the researcher has to submit eight copies of his/her research proposal. This is a brief description of the research plan which should include:**

- a) Introduction,**
- b) Significance of the study,**
- c) Need for the study,**
- d) Review of Literature**
- e) Research Gap,**
- f) Research Questions,**
- g) Research Objectives**
- h) Hypothesis**
- i) Methodology and**
- j) Tentative Chapterization**

**The expected length of the research proposal is six to eight double-spaced A-4 size pages.**

**The proposal must be signed by the candidate.**

**DECLARATION BY THE SUPERVISOR**

I,.....,(Designation).....,(Department)..... ,  
 University / College / Research Institute)....., hereby declare to the best of  
 my knowledge and belief that the total number of candidates registered for Ph.D., Degree  
 programme under my guidance does not exceed the maximum number including those  
 registered in other Universities as stipulated in the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University Ph.D.,  
 Regulations 2024. I, further, furnish the following list of candidates who pursue the Ph.D.,  
 under my guidance and declare that they have not submitted their Thesis for the award of  
 Ph.D., as on date.

S.No.	Name of the Candidate	Institution	Full Time/ Part Time
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2			
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5			
6			
7			
8			

Total Number of Candidates

Note: Any wrong information will lead to disciplinary action including cancellation of  
 guideship

Date: Place:

Signature of the Supervisor with seal

**CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY OF RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS**

This is to certify that I AM..... working under the supervision of  
Dr.....(Department), .....(University/College/Research  
Institute) have published a research article in the Peer Reviewed Journal  
named..... with Vol.No. .... Issue.No. ....  
Page.No..... and year of publication..... published by  
.....

Signature of the Candidate

Countersigned by Research Supervisor with seal

Confirmation of Admission/Registration

Ref.:

Date:

To,

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**Subject:** Confirmation of admission to the Ph.D. in (subject) \_\_\_\_\_.

Dear Mr. / Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ I am happy to inform you that the Admission Committee in \_\_\_\_\_ (Subject) \_\_\_\_\_ (Faculty) has approved your research topic as it is/with the modification/s as follows:

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\_\_\_\_\_

Your admission is now confirmed. The details of your admission are:

1. Subject : \_\_\_\_\_
2. Faculty: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Guide : \_\_\_\_\_
4. Co-Guide : \_\_\_\_\_
5. Date of Registration : \_\_\_\_\_
6. Period of Registration: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Please note that your admission will be governed by the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University regulations, 2024 for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.).

Please also note you will have to pay the prescribed annual fee within a month from the date of your admission. The respective annual fee will have to be paid within a month from the date of completion of each year.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Director, Research

Copy to:

1. The Dy. Registrar
2. The Guide
3. The Co-Guide

**APPENDIX 'E'**

**PROGRESS REPORT OF THE Ph.D PROGRAMME**

(To be submitted once in six months in the case of full-time candidates and once in a year in the case of part-time candidates)

**PART A**

Six Monthly Progress Report submitted by the Research Scholar and endorsed by guide and co guide Pursuing Ph.D. Programme in the Tamil Nadu Dr Ambedkar Law University Chennai As per Appendix 'E' of Circular No 14/ 2017.

Progress Report No.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
(Please Tick)									

<b>Name of the Research Scholar</b>	
<b>Name of the Research Supervisor</b>	
<b>Date of Registration</b>	
<b>Faculty</b>	Interdisciplinary
<b>Discipline</b>	LAW
<b>Time/Period for which Progress Report is Submitted.</b>	From ___/___/_____ to ___/___/_____.
<b>Title of the Research</b>	

Progress Carried Out as Follows:

1. Elaborated description of the reading/writing/data collection. (Review of literature and a note on the relevance of each literature to the proposed project):

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2. Methodology: Standardization of Techniques, Validation of the Tools, etc. (Including data collection and statistics) etc. if applicable:

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3. Out-come of Research Work:

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4. Publications accepted/communicated/Manuscripts ready for submission (if any):

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5. Overall Progress:

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6. Difficulties and Challenges encountered:

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7. Proposed Plan of Work for the upcoming six months:

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**Remarks of Research Supervisor:**

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**Signature of Research Supervisor.**

**Convener of The RAC**

The Guide is expected to certify the report and mention in unambiguous terms whether the progress is satisfactory or not and whether the work done during the period under consideration is relevant and adequate or not.

**PART B**

**Remarks of The RAC:**

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(Please attach Separate Sheet if required.)

**Signature**  
**Subject Expert (Internal)**

**Signature**  
**Subject Expert (External)**

**Signature**  
**Research Supervisor.**  
**(Convener)**

Date:

Place:

Model for Cover and Title of the Ph.D. Thesis

**TITLE OF THE THESIS**

*Thesis submitted to*

**THE TAMILNADU DR. AMBEDKAR LAW UNIVERSITY,  
CHENNAI.**

*For the award of the degree of*

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN LAW**

*Submitted By*

**(Name of the Candidate)**

**(Register Number)**

**Parttime/Fulltime Research Scholar**

**The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai.**

*Under the supervision and guidance of*

**(Name of the Guide)**

**(Designation)**

**(College/University)**

**University  
Emblem**

**(Name of the Institution) (Month  
and Year)**



PLAGIARISM CERTIFICATE

(For Ph.D. Dissertation)

This is to certify that the thesis titled ..... Submitted by ..... bearing registration number ..... in partial fulfillment of the requirements for award of Doctor of Philosophy in Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University is a bonafide work carried out by him/her under my supervision and guidance.

This thesis is free from plagiarism and has not been submitted previously in part or in full to this or any other University or Institution for award of any degree or diploma.

Further, the student has the following publication(s) before submission of the thesis/monograph for adjudication and has produced evidence for the same in the form of acceptance letter or the reprint in the relevant area of his research (Note: at least one publication in refereed journal is required)

1. .... (ISBN/ISSN Number ..... )

Chapter of dissertation where this publication appears (delete if not applicable)

2. ....

Chapter of dissertation where this publication appears (delete if not applicable)

and

has made presentation in the following conferences:

(Note: Delete if not applicable)

1. .. (National/International)

2. ..

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(National/International)

Further, the student has passed the following courses towards fulfillment of coursework requirement for Ph.D. / was exempted from doing coursework (recommended by Doctoral Committee) on the basis of the following courses passed during his M.Phil program and M.Phil degree was awarded:

<b>Coursecode</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Pass/Fail</b>
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2.			
3.			
4.			

**Supervisor**

**Head of Department**

**Dean**

**DECLARATION**

I declare that the thesis entitled \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ submitted by me for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) is the record of work carried out by me during the period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ under the guidance of \_\_\_\_\_ and has not formed the basis for the award of any Degree, Diploma, Associateship, Fellowship, Titles in this University or any other University or other similar institution of Higher Learning.

**Signature of the Candidate**

**CERTIFICATE FROM THE SUPERVISOR**

I certify that the thesis entitled \_\_\_\_\_ submitted for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) by Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ is the record of research work carried out by him/her during the period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ under my guidance and supervision, and that this work has not formed the basis for the award of any Degree, Diploma, Associateship, Fellowship or other Titles in this University or any other University or institution of Higher Learning.

**Signature of the Supervisor with designation**

**APPENDIX 'J'**

**PROFORMA FOR ADJUDICATION OF THE PH.D. THESIS**

1. Name of the Candidate:

2. Title of the Thesis :

3. Discipline and Subject:

4. Name and Address of the Examiner:

5. Recommendations of the Examiner (Please strike out whichever are not applicable) :

[a] Thesis is highly commended : (or)

[b] Thesis is commended: (or)

[c] Thesis is commended and the degree may be awarded subject to the candidate's furnishing satisfactory clarification to my queries during the Public Viva Voce examination. (or)

[d] Thesis is commended and the degree may be awarded subject to the condition that the corrections / modifications suggested by me are carried out in the thesis and duly certified by the supervisor – convener before the public viva-voce examination. (or)

[e] Thesis needs to be resubmitted after revision for reevaluation. (or)

[f] Thesis is not commended and the degree may not be awarded.

Note: Please enclose your detailed report on the thesis. Please also enclose a list of questions, if any, to be asked at the public viva-voce examination.

6. Any other remarks

Place :

Date :

(Signature of the Examiner with Designation)

Address:

## Rules for submission of CD of Ph. D. thesis

1. The candidate shall store in a CD each chapter of his thesis in a separate pdf file using file naming format as prescribed by "Shodhganga". The file naming format is given below:

File naming format:

Name	Type
01_title.pdf	PDF File
02_certificates.pdf	PDF File
03_acknowledgements.pdf	PDF File
04_contents.pdf	PDF File
05_preface.pdf	PDF File
06_list of tables figures.pdf	PDF File
07_chapter 1.pdf	PDF File
08_chapter 2.pdf	PDF File
09_chapter 3.pdf	PDF File
10_chapter 4.pdf	PDF File
11_chapter 5.pdf	PDF File
12_chapter 6.pdf	PDF File
13_chapter 7.pdf	PDF File
14_references.pdf	PDF File

As per this format, each component of the thesis/dissertation shall be stored in separate pdf file as listed above.

All files shall be stored in the single CD.

Each file shall be given the name as given in the above format. Candidate shall not protect the files in the CD with password.

**APPENDIX 'L'**

**Consolidated Report of the Referees on the Viva Voce**

The viva-voce of Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ was conducted on \_\_\_\_\_ (day and date). The performance of the candidate was satisfactory/unsatisfactory. We have conducted the open defence of the Ph.D. thesis entitled:

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

The performance of the candidate was satisfactory/unsatisfactory. We recommend that he/she be awarded the Ph.D. Degree / should not be awarded the Ph.D. Degree/ the viva voce be arranged again on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_

(Guide)

\_\_\_\_\_

(External Referee)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Chairman)

Date:

(Supervisor/Research Guide)



THE TAMILNADU DR. AMBEDKAR LAW UNIVERSITY

(Attendance Sheet)

Ph.D. Viva Voce of \_\_\_\_\_

Title of the Thesis: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Viva \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Venue \_\_\_\_\_

List of the persons attending the Open Defence.

Name of the person

Signature

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

4. \_\_\_\_\_.

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