



ABSTRACT

Medical Services Recruitment Board - Rules of Procedures of Medical Services Recruitment Board for recruitment of various categories of posts in various Government Medical Institutions – Amendment – Orders - Issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (IM2-1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No. 522

Dated: 12.11.2025

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Read:

1. G.O.(Ms) No.1, Health and Family Welfare (C2) Department, dated 02.01.2012.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.36, Health and Family Welfare (C2) Department, dated 12.02.2014.
3. G.O.(Ms) No.401, Health and Family Welfare (C2) Department, dated 16.12.2014.
4. G.O.(Ms) No.301 & 302, Health and Family Welfare (IM2-1) Department, dated 30.08.2017.
5. G.O.(Ms) No.95, Health and Family Welfare (C2) Department, dated 07.03.2019.
6. G.O.(Ms) No.339, Health and Family Welfare (C2) Department, dated 05.08.2019.
7. G.O.(Ms) No.65, Health and Family Welfare (C2) Department, dated 14.03.2025.

Read also:

8. From the Commissioner of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy letter Ref. No.15374/E2/2/2022, dated 31.10.2025.

ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, orders have been issued for the constitution of Medical Services Recruitment Board exclusively for Health and Family Welfare Department so as to centralize the mode of direct recruitment to all categories existing in Health and Family Welfare Department, except those that are coming under the purview of Tamil Nadu Public Services Commission. In the Government order second read above, Rules of Procedure of Medical Services Recruitment Board for recruitment to various categories have been issued.

2. Subsequently in the Government order third, fifth, sixth and seventh read above, necessary amendments to the method of recruitment to the above Rules of Procedure have been issued.

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3. Meanwhile, the Hon'ble High Court of Madras, in its order dated:26.06.2024, in W.P.No.13004 of 2018 and W.M.P.Nos.15282 to 15285 of 2018 has ordered as follows: -

"15. In the light of the above, the Court is of the considered view that the classification that is sought to be made by introducing the two impugned provisos is totally arbitrary and illegal and violation of Articles 14 and 16 of the Constitution of India. Accordingly, the impugned Government Order to the extent of adding the two above mentioned provisos to the Special Rules in the category 6 of Branch II of the Special Rules for Tamil Nadu Medical Subordinate Services is struck down. Consequently, the said provisos included in the impugned notifications shall also stand struck down.

16. Then coming to the aspect of relief to which the petitioners herein are entitled insofar as the recruitment process is concerned, as submitted by learned counsel appearing on behalf of the Respondent No.2, entire recruitment process has already concluded long back and subsequent recruitment process are also over. This Court has already subjected any appointments to be made pursuant to the impugned notification to the result of the Writ Petition. Therefore, the appointments that were made so far pursuant to the impugned notification cannot be said to have become final.

17. However, the persons who are selected pursuant to the impugned notification are not made parties to the Writ Petition. As this Court has subjected any appointment to the result of the Writ Petition, it is also not necessary to implead all of them as party respondents. Be that as it may, as the appointments have already taken place in the year 2019 and they have been working for all these years, this Court is not inclined to disturb the appointments that were already made. In case if the petitioners, in terms of their merit possessed as per the selection procedure provided under the impugned notifications and are coming within the zone of consideration for appointment to any of the posts covered by the impugned notifications or in case if any of the less merited candidates than the petitioner were appointed, the respondents shall take necessary steps to appoint the petitioners also as Pharmacist in their respective specialization under the relevant notifications in any of the existing or future vacancies and place them at their respective places as per their merit and extend all other consequential service benefits. However, the petitioners who secured appointment pursuant to this order shall not be entitled for any monetary benefits till the date of their appointment.

18. Accordingly, the Writ Petition stand allowed. No costs."

4. Subsequently, the Commissioner of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy, in her letter eight read above, has stated that as the Hon'ble High court has struck down the G.O.(Ms) No.301 & 302, Health and Family Welfare (IM2-1) Department, dated 30.08.2017, appointments to the post of Pharmacists could not be made, which will affect the services offered to the public. Hence, she has requested the Government to issue necessary amendment for the mode of selection process to the post of Pharmacist (AYUSH) by conducting Competitive written examination for the applicants duly following communal rotation and other reservations in force, instead

of doing selection on the basis of marks obtained by the candidates in various examinations by giving weightages to their academic performance.

5. The Government have examined the proposal of the Commissioner of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy and decided to implement the orders of Hon'ble High Court of Madras, dated: 26.6.2024 in W.P.No.13004 of 2018 and to cancel the amendment orders issued in the Government orders fourth read above. Accordingly, the amendment orders issued in the Government orders fourth read above are hereby cancelled and the following amendment is issued to the Rules of Procedures of the Medical Services Recruitment Board regarding the method of recruitment to the post of Pharmacist (AYUSH): -

AMENDMENT

In the said Rules, for the existing entries in rule 3(A) (i), the following entries shall be substituted: -

"All Direct recruitment posts in Assistant Surgeon (General / Speciality), Assistant Surgeon (Dental – General / Speciality), Assistant Medical Officer (AYUSH), Nurses, Physiotherapist Grade-II, Pharmacist, Health Inspector Grade-II and Pharmacist (AYUSH) shall be made through open advertisement (in atleast two newspapers and one of which must be in vernacular language), by conducting written examination (through physical or electronic mode) duly following the procedures prescribed."

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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