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WP No. 8709 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09-04-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE C.V. KARTHIKEYAN

WP No. 8709 of 2025

P.Sugasini @ Packyam

D/o.Bakiyaraj.

Petitioner(s)

Vs.

The Medical Service Recruitment Board (MRB)

Rep. by Its Member Secretary,

7th Floor, DMS Building,

359, Anna Salai, Teynampet, Chennai-6

Respondent(s)

PRAYER: This writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondent to conduct the certificate verification for the petitioner for the post of Physiotherapist Grade-II, under the BC-PSTM-Women Category, duly taking into consideration “*the certificate for having studied in Tamil medium*” dated 28.10.2024, 29.10.2024 and 30.10.2024 issued in reference to Section 2(d) of PSTM (Amended) Act-2020.

For Petitioner(s): B.Balavijayan

For Respondent(s): M/s.L.Murugavelu Standing
Counsel

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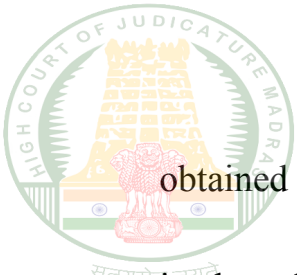
The writ petition has been filed in the nature of a mandamus seeking a direction against the respondent/Medical Services Recruitment Board, Chennai, to conduct verification of the certificates of the petitioner for considering the



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petitioner for the post of Physiotherapist, Grade-II, under the BC-PSTM-Women Category, by taking into consideration the certificates for having studied in Tamil medium, dated 28.10.2024, 29.10.2024 and 30.10.2024 issued with reference to Section 2(d) of PSTM (Amended) Act-2020.

2.In the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, it had been contended that the petitioner had completed her schooling in Tamil medium and continued Higher Education and completed Bachelor of Physiotherapy from Tamil Nadu Dr.MGR Medical University in August 2004. Petitioner was eligible to be appointed to the post of Physiotherapist. Petitioner had applied to that particular post consequent to a notification issued by the respondents on 18.10.2024. The total number of posts was initially 47 and subsequently, two further posts were added making it 49. It was also stated that reservations as provided under the Act for the PSTM candidates were also provided. Two posts were reserved, one for general and another for women. The petitioner had however not specified that she should be considered exclusively under PSTM category since, it is contended by her that there are no courses in Tamil medium offered in Bachelor of Physiotherapy. In the examination, the petitioner had



obtained 38 marks in the Tamil eligibility test out of 50 and 69 marks out of 100

in the other subject matters. Petitioner was however not selected. It is under

those circumstances that the petitioner had filed this writ petition contending

that she should be considered under the PSTM category since she studied her

school education in Tamil medium.

3. Instructions were sought from the respondents and the learned standing counsel stated that consequent to the notification, for 47 vacancies, 8772 applications had been received. After the examination process, 81 candidates were called for certificate verification. Seven candidates who were claiming PSTM reservation even in the initial applications were also called for certificate verification. But, a letter had been received from the Director of Medical Education and Rural Services stating that Bachelor of Physiotherapy is not available in Tamil Medium. Therefore, those who had applied for PSTM were not accommodated under that particular category, but mingled with the regular list. It is contended that they cannot claim under the PSTM category. Petitioner admittedly had not studied in Tamil medium the Bachelor of Physiotherapy course.



4. With respect to the cut off marks, the petitioner would then come under

BC General Women and the last candidate had secured 81 marks and the petitioner had secured 69 marks. Unfortunately, the petitioner had not come within the zone of selection. This Court would only wish her well in her future endeavours, but, in this particular examination process, she had not secured the marks required for consideration for selection.

5. The writ petition stands dismissed. No Costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions, if any, are also closed.

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