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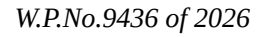
THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

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and

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D/o. V.Ezhumalai,
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Chennai - 600 067
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5. K. Sangeetha
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13.S. Sathiyakala
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Puthukottai District -613 301



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- 20.M. Chitra
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Kumannur, Palacode,
DharmapuriDistrict -635 116
- 21.T. Parameswari
D/o. Thangavel,
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Overur, Thiruthuraipoondi,
ThiruvavarurDistrict -614 703.
- 22.M. Vijaya
D/o. Murugesan ,
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KrishnagiriDistrict -635 203.
- 23.P. Kalpana
D/o. Pandiyan,
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- 24.V. Kalyani
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26.D.Devika

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30.S. Vinodhini

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Periya Mookkudi, Azhiyanilai,
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40.P. Susi Golda

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RC Kovilankuppam,
Viruthachalam,
Cuddalore District -607 805

41.K. Ambika

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45.C. Lalitha
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47.P. Selvi
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48.K. Revathi
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49.V. Kalai Selvi
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51.R. Kaviyarasi
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Thiruvannamalai District -604 601.

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58.S. Saraswathi

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Thindivanam, Melpettai,
Villupuram-604 307.

59.M.Thenila

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Kallakurichi District-605 702.

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62.C.Shalini

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Senguntharpettai,



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Madurantakam,
Chengalpattu District 603 306

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. State of Tamil Nadu, rep by its
Secretary to Government
Health and Family Welfare Department
Fort St. George, Chennai 600 009.
2. Medical Services Recruitment Board
Rep. by its Member Secretary
7th Floor, DMS Complex
Teynampet, Chennai 600 006.
3. The Director
Tamil Nadu Directorate of Public
Health and Preventive Medicine,
DMS Complex, Teynampet, Chennai 600 006

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: To consider the 1st to 3rd petitioners representation dated 27.02.2026 and the 4th to 58th petitioners representation dated 01.03.2026 and the 59th to 62th petitioners representation dated 02.03.2026 and to consequently direct the respondents to prioritically consider and appoint the petitioners to the post of Auxiliary Nurse Midwife/Village Health Nurse, as the rules prevailing on the date of appointment of the petitioners as Anganwadi Worker by transfer from Anganwadi Worker as well as the petitioners had joined the ANM training course in a Government institution prior to 25.07.2023 i.e., prior to the amendment in G.O. Ms.No.254 dated 25.07.2023, in terms of the stand taken by the State Government and the order passed by the Honble Supreme Court of India in SLP (C) Nos. 6712-6713 of 2024 dated 19.08.2025.

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For Petitioner(s): Mrs.A.L.Ganthimathi, Senior Counsel for
Mr.L.Palani Muthu,
For Respondent(s): Ms.Sneha, Special Counsel.

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed to consider the representations of the petitioners and to consequently direct the respondents to consider and appoint the petitioners for the post of Auxiliary Nurse Midwife / Village Health Nurse, on priority basis as per the rules prevailing on the date of appointment of the petitioners as Anganwadi workers and to consider that the petitioners had joined the ANM training course in a Government institution prior to 25.07.2023 i.e., prior to the amendment in G.O.Ms.No.254 dated 25.07.2023, in terms of the stand taken by the State Government and the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in S.L.P.(c) Nos.6712 – 6713 of 2024 dated 19.08.2025.

2.The facts of the case in brief are that the petitioners were working as Anganwadi Workers for several years under the Child Development Service Scheme and as per the G.O.(Ms).No.1507 dated 16.08.1989, the Anganwadi workers who had completed two years of service were given Auxiliary Nurse Midwife Training Course in Government Institutions and on completion of the said training course, they have been appointed as Village Health Nurse / Auxiliary

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Nurse Midwife and this practice was consistently followed for several years. It is stated that pursuant to the existing Special Rules and Government Policy by the aforesaid Government order, the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine issued proceedings calling for applications from qualified Anganwadi Workers for admission into ANM training. The petitioners were selected from 2021 through a proper selection process and had joined in the said training course and completed the same. However, the Government subsequently issued an amended G.O.Ms.No.254/Health and Family Welfare Department (L1) Department dated 25.07.2023, amending the special rules in G.O.Ms.No.1507 dated 16.08.1989 for the recruitment to the post of Auxiliary Nurse Midwife / Village Health Nurse, restricting the mode of selection to only direct recruitment.

3. Aggrieved by the said amendment, the candidates who had joined the said training and completed the same, had challenged the said G.O.Ms.No.254/Health and Family Welfare Department (L1) Department dated 25.07.2023 before this Court by way of W.P. (MD) No.25982 of 2023 and this Court has passed interim directions directing to proceed with the selection process while permitting such candidates to participate in the selection process subject to certain conditions.



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4.Challenging the said order, the candidates had approached the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in S.L.P.(c) Nos.6712 – 6713 of 2024 and S.L.P.(Civil Diary) No.54115 of 2025 and the Hon'ble Supreme Court by orders dated 19.08.2025 & 13.10.2025, has disposed of the petitions by granting liberty to the respondent – state to proceed further in terms of their affidavit stating that the candidates who have completed the ANM course in the Government ANM Training Schools on or before 25.07.2023 i.e., before the date on which the Government amended the special rules, will be considered for appointment to the post of VHN / ANM as per the procedure existing prior to G.O.Ms.No.254/Health and Family Welfare Department (L1) Department dated 25.07.2023 and also with a liberty to the parties to approach the High Court to pass appropriate orders for disposing the pending writ petitions.

5.In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the respondents are directed to consider the representations of the petitioners in the light of the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in S.L.P.(c) Nos.6712 – 6713 of 2024 dated 19.08.2025 within a period of one month from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



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6. Accordingly, this writ petition is disposed of with the above direction. No costs. Consequently, the connected writ miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

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Fort St. George, Chennai 600 009.
2. Medical Services Recruitment Board
Rep. by its Member Secretary
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Teynampet, Chennai 600 006.
3. The Director
Tamil Nadu Directorate of Public
Health and Preventive Medicine,
DMS Complex, Teynampet, Chennai 600 006



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