



WP(MD) NO. 18772 of 2018

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 13-08-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE RAJNISH PATHIYIL

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and W.M.P(MD)Nos. 16614 & 16615 of 2018

1. S.Arunkumar
2. N.Saravanan
3. K. Ram

...Petitioners

Vs

1. State Of Tamilnadu, Rep By Its
Principal Secretary
School Education Department
Secretariat, Fort St.George
Chennai - 600 009.
2. The Chairman
Teachers Recruitment Board
4th Floor, EVK Sampath Maaligai
DPI Campus, College Road
Chennai - 600 006.
3. The Member Secretary
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4. The Director Of School Education
O/o.The Director Of School Education
DPI Campus, College Road
Chennai - 600 006.

...Respondents

For Petitioner(s): Mr.G.Karthik, for
M/s.Lajapathi Roy and Associates

For Respondent(s):
Mr.P. Pethu Rajesh,
Additional Government Pleader for R-1 & R-4

Mr.J. Amjadkhan,
Standing Counsel, for R-2 & R-3

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Declaration to declare the Impugned Selection List of the Direct Recruitment of Special Teachers (physical Education) in School Education and other Departments for the years 2012 to 2016 uploaded in the official website of the 3rd respondent as illegal in so far as not shortlisting the PSTM category candidates in the ratio of 1:2 in violation of the Prospectus/Notification dated 26/07/2017 issued by the Respondent no.3 in violation of section 2(d) of the Tamil Nadu Appointment on preferential Basis in the Services under the State of Persons studied in Tamil Medium Act, 2010 within the time period stipulated by this Court.

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed challenging the impugned selection list pertaining to the direct recruitment of Special Teachers



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(Physical Education) in the School Education Department and other Departments for the years 2012 to 2016, on the ground that the exercise of shortlisting candidates under the PSTM category was not carried out.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that, considering the said lacuna in the selection and appointment process, the appointment orders were recalled and the entire selection list was revised and redone by the second respondent—Teachers Recruitment Board. He would further submit that, even after the exercise was undertaken by duly shortlisting the candidates under the PSTM category, the petitioner did not qualify and was not selected.

3. In identical circumstances, this Court, in the case of *V. Dhanasekaran v. The Member Secretary, Teachers Recruitment Board and another*, vide order dated 03.11.2025, considered the contentions raised therein. The relevant portion of paragraph No.4 is extracted below:

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' 4. From the above statement, it is amply clear that the petitioner did not come within the zone of consideration. According to the petitioner, there are still 34 vacancies, which



are yet to be filled. However, this factum is stoutly denied by the respondents.'

4. In the light of the identical circumstances prevailing in the present case, coupled with the fact that the learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner does not fall within the zone of consideration and, therefore, would not qualify even otherwise, this Court is of the view that no further consideration is warranted.



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RAJNISH PATHIYIL, J.

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