

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED 10.12.2019

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH., J

W.P.No.34266 of 2019

and

WMP.Nos.34897 & 34899 of 2019

M.Ganesan

... Petitioner

Vs

1.The Director of School Education,
Directorate of School Education,
DPI Campus, College Road,
Chennai 600 006.

2.Teachers Recruitment Board.
Represented by the Chairman,
4th Floor, E.V.K. Sambath Maaligai,
College Road, Chennai 600 006.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of Mandamus to direct the second respondent to revise the key answers to question Nos.50, 53, 56, 70 and 101 in the subject History and award additional 5 marks to the petitioner having Roll No.19PG081413440 and Registration No. TRBPG542919 in the written test conducted by the second respondent for the post of PG Assistant in History pursuant to Notification No.10/2019 dated 12.06.2019 inviting applications from eligible candidates upto 15.07.2019 for the direct recruitment for the post of PG Assistant for the year 2018-2019 and consequently direct the respondents to appoint the petitioner in the post of Post Graduate Assistant in History in School Education for the year 2018-2019 taking the marks of the petitioner as 82 in the written test.

For Petitioner

: Mrs.Nalini Chidambaram
Senior Counsel

For Respondents

: Mrs.V.Annalakshmi
Government Advocate

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This writ petition has been filed seeking for a direction to the second respondent to revise the key answers to question Nos.50, 53, 56, 70 and 101 in the subject History and award additional 5 marks to the petitioner having Roll No.19PG081413440 and Registration No. TRBPG542919 in the written test conducted by the second respondent for the post of PG Assistant in History pursuant to Notification No.10/2019 dated 12.06.2019 inviting applications from eligible candidates upto 15.07.2019 for the direct recruitment for the post of PG Assistant for the year 2018-2019 and consequently direct the respondents to appoint the petitioner in the post of Post Graduate Assistant in History in School Education for the year 2018-2019 taking the marks of the petitioner as 82 in the written test.

2. Heard the learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate appearing on behalf of the respondents.

3. A batch of writ petitions came to be filed before this Court with a similar prayer and a common order was passed by directing the Teachers Recruitment Board to constitute an expert committee and consider the objection raised by the petitioner and take a decision.

4. The relevant portions of the order is extracted hereunder :-

6. From the materials on record and rival submissions of the parties, it is clear that there were disputes with the regard to correctness of the key answer given by the Teachers Recruitment Board. According to the petitioners, the key answer to the questions mentioned are wrong as per standard books published in the relevant subjects. The said contentions are disputed by the learned Special Government Pleader and the learned Government Advocate. It is no doubt true that for ascertaining the correctness or otherwise of the marks awarded to certain questions, the respondents, constituted an Expert committee. The expert committee has also received objections are those objections will be considered. While so, this Court, in exercise of the power conferred under Article 226 of The Constitution of India, cannot decide the disputed question of

facts in the Writ proceedings, especially, the key answers were prepared by the expert in the relevant subjects. However, in order to render substantial justice, this Court is of the view that the petitioners must be given an opportunity to substantiate their case, so that, in the event of their succeeding in getting awarded additional marks, they will become eligible for appointment.

7. For the above reason, the Teachers Recruitment Board is directed to constitute an Expert Committee in the subjects, which are under challenge in the present Writ petitions on or before 25.11.2019, consisting of the members, who are not in the earlier committee. The petitioners are directed to submit their objections on or before 21.11.2019 along with materials, which they relied on in respect of their claims that the key answers not correct. On receiving such objections, the Expert Committee is directed to consider the objections and take a decision on or before 28.11.2019.

5. The learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner submitted that pursuant to the orders passed by this Court, the petitioner has also given his objections. However, the learned Government Advocate was not able to confirm as to whether any such objections have already been made by the petitioner.

6. If the petitioner has not already made the objections before the Expert Committee, he is directed to submit his objections on or before 12.12.2019 and the Expert Committee is directed to consider the objections and take a decision on or before 20.12.2019.

7. This writ petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petitions are also closed.

Sd/-

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Assistant Registrar (CCC)

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