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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 20.09.2021

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.SARAVANAN

W.P.Nos.17511, 17513 & 17515 of 2021
and
W.M.P.Nos.18612 to 18614 of 2021

(Through Video Conferencing)

1.K.Ajith	...	Petitioner in
		W.P.No.17511 of 2021
2.A.Mohan	...	Petitioner in
		W.P.No.17513 of 2021
3.V.Dhandapani	...	Petitioner in
		W.P.No.17515 of 2021

Vs.

1.The Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board, Old Commissioner of Police Campus, Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008.	
2.The Chairman/Sub Committee, Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board, Old Commissioner of Police Campus, Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008.	... Respondents in all W.Ps.

Prayer in W.P.No.17511 of 2021: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records relating to the Disqualification Slip in Enrolment No.0102557 dated 26.07.2021 and quash the same and consequently direct the respondent to conduct a fresh Physical Measurement test to the petitioner for the post of Grade-II Police Constable, Grade-II Jail warders and Fireman for the year 2020, fully in compliance with the order of Full Bench in W.A.Nos.8 to 12, 14 to 16, 23 and 24 of 2020.

Prayer in W.P.No.17513 of 2021: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records relating to the Disqualification Slip in Enrolment No.0114497 dated 28.07.2021 and quash the same and consequently direct the respondent to conduct a fresh Physical Measurement test to the



petitioner for the post of Grade-II Police Constable, Grade-II Jail warders and Fireman for the year 2020, fully in compliance with the order of Full Bench in W.A.Nos.8 to 12, 14 to 16, 23 and 24 of 2020.

Prayer in W.P.No.17515 of 2021: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records relating to the Disqualification Slip in Enrolment No.0203849 dated 26.07.2021 and quash the same and consequently direct the respondent to conduct a fresh Physical Measurement test to the petitioner for the post of Grade-II Police Constable, Grade-II Jail warders and Fireman for the year 2020, fully in compliance with the order of Full Bench in W.A.Nos.8 to 12, 14 to 16, 23 and 24 of 2020.

For Petitioners	: Mr.M.G.Ramachandiran
(In all W.Ps)	
For Respondents	: Mr.L.S.M.Hasan Fizal
(In all W.Ps)	Government Advocate

COMMON ORDER

Already orders have been passed allowing some other candidates who appear in the physical test again some candidates who could not appear before covid-19.

2. The learned Government Advocate has also submitted that originally the tentative date was fixed for such physical test during 6th and 7th September, 2021. These dates have been postponed to 22nd September, 2021 in Trichy.

3. Considering the same, these writ petitions are disposed by directing the respondents to permit the petitioners to appear in the proposed physical test to be conducted on 22nd September, 2021 along with candidates who could not attend earlier due to Covid-19.

4. It is noticed that many of the petitioners have filed certificate from the Government Hospital and/or registered Medical Practitioner to prove that they have requisite height. This Court cannot examine the correctness of the certificate based on which, the relief is sought for. However, this Court is inclined to observe that the recruitment proceeding can be altered in the future such that a certificate of physical measurement is obtained by candidates from any institution recognized by the Government and approved by the Recruitment Board and are uploaded along with the application for the post. This would obviate disappointment to those who end up clearing written test under the present method of selection. Only candidates who satisfy physical re-measurement alone would upload their certificate and participate in the competitive exam for selection. Such



height can be re-measured once again after qualifying in the written exam. The measurement should be carried with the Digitized Electronic Device recognized the order of the Full Bench dated 29.01.2020 in W.A.Nos.8 to 12 of 2020 and batches etc. in A.Parthiban and 9 Others vs. 1.Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board, Rep. by its Chairman (DGP) Old Commissioner of Police Campus, Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai 600 008 and another.

5. The Government may therefore explore the possibility of notifying such institution in each Districts where such certificate can be obtained by prospective candidates where such standardized measuring instruments/equipments are used for measuring the height. The said order of the Full Bench dated 29.01.2020 in W.A.Nos.8 to 12 of 2020, it was held as under:

42. Having reasoned out the issues raised before us, we accordingly answer the questions as follows:-

i. A Writ Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for correcting any error may ordinarily be not maintainable involving factual disputes, but, on the establishment of a patent factual error leading to prejudice and resulting in violation of legal or fundamental rights or otherwise involving malafides, a writ petition can be entertained under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, in order to avoid or otherwise rectify a denial of opportunity in matters of employment;

ii. The exercise of height measurement may be resorted to through scientifically approved electronic or such other devices, such as Digital Measurement Device (Sensor Machine) and the same deserves to be undertaken at all stages of height measurement to establish a standardised procedure of measurement, in order to avoid any variation either in appeal or to avoid any future litigation;

iii. The Rules prescribing rounding off as amended and contained in Rule 14 of the Special Rules for Tamil Nadu Police Subordinate Service



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being not under challenge, the same can be implemented, but, in order to ensure any dispute of calculation, miscalculation or any suspected marginal error, it would be appropriate that instead of rounding off principle, a relaxation to the extent of 0.5 centimeter in the respective categories be introduced as a matter of rule that may possibly avoid any future litigation or dispute relating to discrepancy of measurement.

6. Accordingly, these writ petitions are disposed and direct the second respondent - Chairman, Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board, Chennai-600 008, directed to conduct physical examination of all the petitioners, on the next date of physical examination which is tentatively fixed to 22.09.2021 in Trichy. In the event, the petitioners qualify in the physical examination, they shall be treated as eligible for further consideration. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-IX)

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1. The Member Secretary,
Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board,
Old Commissioner of Police Campus,
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Egmore, Chennai - 600 008.

2. The Chairman/Sub Committee,
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