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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16.02.2024

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.SANJAY V.GANGAPURWALA, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

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S.Nagamanickam

.. Petitioner

Vs

- 1 The Union of India  
rep by its Secretary  
Ministry of Professional Public Grievances and Pension  
Department of Personnel and Training  
North Block, Central Secretariat  
New Delhi – 110 001.
- 2 The Union of India  
rep by its Secretary  
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment  
Room No.202 2nd Floor C Wing  
Shastri Bhawan New Delhi-110 001.
- 3 The Union of India  
rep by its Secretary  
Ministry of Women and Child Development  
Shastri Bhawan New Delhi-110 001.
- 4 The Union of India  
rep by its Secretary, Ministry of Railways  
Rail Bhavan Rafi Marg  
New Delhi-110 001.



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- 5 The Union of India  
rep by its Secretary  
Ministry of Labour and Employment  
Shram Shakti Bhavan Rafi Marg  
New Delhi-110 001.
- 6 All India Institute of Medical Sciences  
rep by its Director, Saket Nagar  
Bhoopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- 7 All India Institute of Medical Sciences  
rep by its Director, Ansari Nagar  
New Delhi - 110 029.
- 8 State Bank of India  
rep by its Chairman cum Managing Director  
State Bank Bhavan, MC Road Nariman Point  
Mumbai-400 021.
- 9 Institute of Banking Personnel Selection  
rep by its Director, IBPS House 99 feet  
DP Road Near Thakur Polytechnic  
Off. Western Express Highway  
PB NO.8587 Kandivali  
Mumbai – 400 101.
- 10 Life insurance Corporation of India  
rep by its Chairman, PB No.19953  
5th Floor West Wing Yogakshema  
Jeevan Bhima Marg Nariman Point  
Mumbai.
- 11 United India Insurance Company Ltd  
rep by its Chairman cum Managing Director  
No.24 Whites Rd Chennai-14.
- 12 National Institute of Unani Medicine  
rep by its Director Kottigepalaya  
Magadi Main Road, Bangalore  
Karnataka- 560 091.
- 13 School of Planning and Architecture



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rep by its Director, 4 Block-B  
IndraPrastha Estate  
New Delhi – 110 002.

.. Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to formulate a uniform nation wide policy to be made applicable to all Government Departments, Government Organizations, Government Institutions, Public Sector Undertakings, Government aided/ funded and semi - government institutions to collect uniform Application Fees from the male candidates of OBC/General Category candidates during recruitment and exempt candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Women and people with disabilities from payment of any such fees and strictly implement the policy.

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| For the Petitioner  | : Mr.Rohini Ravikumar                                                             |
| For the Respondents | : Mr.B.Sudhir Kumar, SCGSC<br>for respondents 1 to 3 and 5                        |
|                     | : Mr.C.Mohan<br>for M/s.King and Patridge<br>for 8 <sup>th</sup> respondent       |
|                     | : Mr.S.Shushanth<br>for M/s.T.S.Gopalan and Co.<br>for 9 <sup>th</sup> respondent |
|                     | : Mr.Nageswaran<br>for 11 <sup>th</sup> respondent                                |
|                     | : Mr.C.K.Chandrasekaran<br>for 10 <sup>th</sup> respondent                        |



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: Ms.Y.Kavitha  
for M/s.Giridhar and Sai  
for 12<sup>th</sup> respondent

: Not ready notice  
for respondents 4, 6, 7 and 13

ORDER

(Order of the court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Heard Mr.Rohini Ravikumar, learned counsel for the petitioner; Mr.B.Sudhir Kumar, learned Senior Central Government Standing Counsel for respondents 1 to 3 and 5; Mr.C.Mohan, learned counsel appearing on behalf of M/s.King and Patridge, for the eighth respondent; Mr.S.Shushanth, learned counsel appearing on behalf of M/s.T.S.Gopalan and Co. for the ninth respondent; Mr.C.K.Chandrasekaran, learned counsel for the tenth respondent; Mr.Nageswaran, learned counsel for the eleventh respondent; and Ms.Y.Kavitha, learned counsel appearing on behalf of M/s.Giridhar and Sai, for the twelfth respondent.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the respondents have failed to formulate a uniform nation wide policy to



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be made applicable to all Government Departments, Government Organizations, Government Institutions, Public Sector Undertakings and other institutions to collect uniform application fees from the male candidates of OBC/General Category candidates during recruitment and exempt the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Women and people with disabilities from payment of any such fees.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in an advertisement issued by the railways, it is shown that the entire examination fees is refundable.

4. A distinction will have to be made amongst the autonomous bodies and government bodies. There is no such material on record to accept the contention of learned counsel for the petitioner. It appears that the petitioner has not even given a representation to the authority concerned.

5. It is open for the petitioner to give a representation to the



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authority concerned. In case the representation is not considered by the authorities, then the petitioner may take steps.

The writ petition is disposed of accordingly. There shall be no order as to costs.

(S.V.G., CJ.)

(D.B.C., J.)

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Index : Yes/No

Neutral Citation : Yes/No

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