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WP No. 39755 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28-10-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

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AND

WMP NO. 44673 OF 2025

1. D. Mohammed Nadeem
S/o. Mohamad Dhawood,
Residing At 419, FB Mosque
Compound, CIT Nagar,
Nandanam, Chennai 600 035

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The National Testing Agency
(NTA),
Represented By Its Director
General, C-20 1A/8, Sector 62,
IITK Outreach Centre, Noida -
201309, Uttar Pradesh.

2.The National Medical
Commission,
Represented By Its Chairman,
Pocket-14, Sector-8, Dwarka
Phase-1, New Delhi 110077.

3.The Union Of India,
Represented By Its Secretary,
Ministry Of Education,
Department Of Higher Education,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi - 110 001.

4.The Selection Committee,
Directorate Of Indian Medicine



And Homoeopathy, Represented
By Its Secretary, Arignar Anna
Government Hospital Of Indian
Medicine Campus, Arumbakkam,
Chennai - 600 106.

5.The State Of Tamil Nadu,
Represented By Its Principal
Secretary, Department Of Health
And Family Welfare, Secretariat,
Fort St. George,
Chennai 600 009

Respondent(s)

PRAYER

Writ petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for the issuance of writ of Mandamus directing the 4th Respondent to call the Petitioner for counselling and allot a seat to the Petitioner in a suitable college for admission to the BSMS/BAMS/BUMS/BHMS courses for the academic session 2025-2026 on the basis of his original NEET (UG) - 2025 score of 478 marks (All India Rank 176174).

For Petitioner(s): Mr.Abhinav Parthasarathy
For Mr.A.R.L.Sundaresan
Respondent(s): Additional Solicitor General
of India
Assisted by
Ms.Sunitha, Learned
Standing Counsel Takes
Notice For R1
Ms.Shubharanjani Ananth,
Learned Counsel Takes
Notice For R2
Mr.K.Ramanamoorthy,
Learned Senior Panel
Counsel Takes Notice For R3
Mrs.M.Sneha, Learned
Special Counsel Takes



Notice For R4
Mr.K.Tippusultan, Learned
Govt. Advocate Takes Notice
For R5

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed for the issue of writ of Mandamus directing the 4th respondent to call the petitioner for counselling and to allot a seat to the petitioner in a suitable college for admission to the BSMS / BAMS/BUMS/BHMS courses for the academic session 2025-2026 on the basis of his original NEET (UG) – 2025 score of 478 marks (All India Rank : 176174).

2. When the writ petition came up for hearing on 27.10.2025, this Court passed the following order:-

Ms.Sunitha, learned Standing Counsel, takes notice for first respondent.

2. Ms.Shubharanjani, learned counsel, takes notice for second respondent.

3. Mr.K.Ramanamoorthy, learned Senior Panel Counsel, takes notice for third respondent.

4. Mrs.M.Sneha, learned Special Counsel, takes notice for fourth respondent.

5. Mr.K.Tippusultan, learned Government Advocate, takes



notice for firth respondent.

6. The only issue involved in the present writ petition is regarding the marks secured by the petitioner in the NEET (UG) - 2025 examination where according to the petitioner, he secured 478 marks out of 720 with a corresponding All India Rank of 176174 and the petitioner falls under the category of OBC-NCL. The grievance of the petitioner is that the petitioner's score was shown as 132 marks and such a drastic reduction in the marks was done without notice to the petitioner.

7. Learned Additional Solicitor General of India appearing on behalf of third respondent shall take instructions as to the actual marks secured by the petitioner in the NEET (UG) - 2025 examination.

Post this case under the caption 'Adjourned Admission' on 28.10.2025.

3. The matter was taken up for hearing today and the learned counsel appearing on either side were heard by this Court.

4. The specific case of the petitioner is that he took the NEET examination for the year 2025 and when the results were declared on 14.06.2025, the petitioner found that he had secured 478 marks out of 720 marks with a corresponding All India ranking of 1,76,174 and a category ranking (OBC-NCL) of 69213. For this



purpose, the score card at Page 22 of the paper book is relied upon.

5. The petitioner applied for counselling for BSMS /BAMS/BUMS/BHMS course for the academic year 2025-2026 under the Government quota in the state of Tamil Nadu conducted by the 4th respondent.

6. The grievance of the petitioner is that when the provisional list of candidates, who were allotted seats was published on 10.10.2025, the name of the petitioner was not found and whereas several candidates with similar score of 478 and even below that score had been allotted seats under the community category (BCM) and other categories.

7. The petitioner verified in the portal of the 1st respondent once again and he found that his mark is shown as 132. This score card is found at Page No.121 in the paper book. According to the petitioner, there was a unilateral and unexplained change of the marks without notice to the petitioner. It is under these circumstances, the present writ petition came to be filed before this Court.



8. When the matter came up for hearing on 27.10.2025, this Court directed the learned Additional Solicitor General appearing on behalf of the 1st respondent to take instructions with respect to the discrepancy in the marks secured by the petitioner.

9. When the matter was taken up for hearing today, typed set of papers was filed on behalf of the 1st respondent. The learned Additional Solicitor General submitted that the QR code is available both at Page No.22 and 121 in the paper book and when the same is scanned, it only reflects 132 marks secured by the petitioner. In order to substantiate the said submission, the learned Additional Solicitor General also placed reliance upon the OMR sheet, which is available at Page No.8 of the typed set of papers filed by the 1st respondent. The calculation sheet is available at Page No.9. It is seen that the petitioner had correctly answered 49 questions and had committed wrong in 64 questions and the total marks that has been secured by the petitioner is 132 marks.

10. It is clear from the above that the document styled as the score card and which is available at Page No.22 of the paper book



where the total marks obtained has been mentioned as 478, is a fabricated document. The tampering has taken place in the column “total marks obtained”. What the petitioner did not realise is that the tampering can takes place only insofar as the numbers and the QR code cannot be tampered. Therefore, when the QR code was scanned, it only reflected 132 marks and whereas what has been mentioned as marks obtained in page No.22 is 478.

11. It is quite evident that the petitioner has approached this Court with unclean hands and has based his claim on a forged and fabricated document. It is true that the petitioner is aged about 21 years. However, there must be some one behind the petitioner, who has indulged in tampering with the score card. *Prima facie* this Court is of the view that the act of the petitioner and every one who are involved along with the petitioner, suffers from moral turpitude. This cannot be lightly dealt with and an investigation has to be necessarily conducted.

12. The learned Additional Solicitor General submitted that for the Act committed by the petitioner, he will be de-bared from taking the NEET examination for three years.



13. Apart from the disqualification from taking the NEET examination, police investigation has to be necessarily conducted to find out the culprit behind the tempering of the score card that was produced by the petitioner while applying for admission. Only such stringent action will prevent its recurrence in future.

14. In the light of the above discussion, this Court does not find any merits in the present writ petition and accordingly, the same is hereby dismissed. The petitioner is directed to pay the cost of Rs.25,000/- to the credit of Chief Justice Relief Fund. There shall be a direction to the 4th respondent to give a formal complaint before the concerned jurisdictional police station along with the copy of this order. On receipt of the same, an FIR shall be registered and the investigation shall be commenced in order to find out the actual culprits behind the fabrication and forgery of the document. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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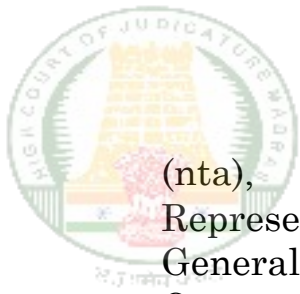
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