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W.P.(MD) No.12154 of 2019

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 02.07.2025

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM
and
THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE A.D.MARIA CLETE**

**W.P.(MD) No.12154 of 2019
and
W.M.P.(MD) No.9130 of 2019**

K.Manavalan

... Petitioner

-vs-

- 1.The General Manager
Southern Railways
Park Town, Chennai
- 2.The Principal Chief
Operation Manager
Southern Railways
Park Town, Chennai
- 3.The Divisional Manager
Divisional Office
Southern Railways
Railway Colony
Madurai
- 4.The Senior Divisional



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Operational Manager
Southern Railway
Madurai

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of mandamus to direct the respondents to ensure that the employees conversant in the regional language Tamil alone will be appointed to the posts covered under Sensitive Safely Category like station Masters, Loco Pilot, Guards, Points Man and Track Man in the State of Tamil Nadu.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Ganapathi Subramanian

For Respondents : Mr.H.Velavadhvas
Senior Panel Counsel for Central Government

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by S.M.SUBRAMANIAM, J.]

The writ on hand has been instituted seeking a direction to the respondents to ensure that the employees conversant in the regional language Tamil alone will be appointed to the posts covered under Sensitive Safely Category like Station Masters, Loco Pilot, Guards, Points Man and Track Man in the State of Tamil Nadu.

2. Recruitments in Indian Railways are made based on the



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recruitment rules applicable and the eligibility criteria and qualifications are fixed under the rules in force. It is the prerogative of the employer to fix the eligibility criteria and therefore, the relief as such sought for in this writ petition cannot be granted.

3. With the above observation, this writ petition stands dismissed.

No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

[S.M.S., J.]

[A.D.M.C., J.]

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NCC : Yes / No

Index : Yes / No

Internet : Yes / No

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