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W.P.(MD) No.19895 of 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 19.11.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE ABDUL QUDDHOSE

W.P.(MD) No.19895 of 2022

and

W.M.P.(MD) Nos.14483 & 14485 of 2022

N.Rajasekar

... Petitioner

-VS-

- 1.The State of Tamil Nadu
represented by its Principal Secretary
Home Department, Secretariat
Chennai-600 009
- 2.The Chairman
Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services
Recruitment Board
Old Commissioner of Police
Office Campus
Egmore, Chennai-8
- 3.The Member Secretary
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4.The Director General of Police
O/o.The Director General of Police
Tamil Nadu
Chennai-600 004

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of certiorarified mandamus calling for the records relating to the impugned order passed by the 3rd respondent in his Notification No.01/2022 dated 08.03.2022 and quash the same as illegal in so far as Clause 4 is concerned and consequentially to direct the respondents to apply the PSTM reservation in respect of the in-service candidates as well and consequentially to direct the respondents to allow the petitioner to participate in the further phase of recruitment by allowing him to participate in the physical test as provided to them within the period that may be stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.Mohammed Zamil
for M/s.Ajmal Associates

For Respondents : Mr.Veera.Kathiravan
Additional Advocate General-II
assisted by Mr.A.Baskaran
Additional Government Pleader



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the Division Bench of this Court dated 08.10.2025, in the case of the **Director General of Police / Chairman, Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board vs. S.Mohamed Aslam and others**, rendered in W.A.No. 2552 of 2025 and would submit that the Division Bench has categorically held that in-service candidate cannot apply under the PSTM Category. He referred to the relevant portion of the said decision, which makes it clear that PSTM category preference is not applicable to those, who are already in service under the State. The relevant paragraph of the said decision is re-produced hereunder:

“From the above statutory provisions and judicial pronouncements, it is abundantly clear that the purpose of the PSTM reservation is to provide employment opportunities to unemployed youth under the State. It is not intended to promote or assist individuals who are already in government employment, whether for advancement within the same department or for securing a better position in a different department under the State. Hence PSTM preference is not applicable to those who are already in service under the State as defined in Rule 2(c).”



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5. Even though the learned counsel for the petitioner once again reiterates that in view of the clarification issued by the office of the respondents through their communication dated 08.08.2023, the petitioner is still eligible to apply for the post even though he is an in-service candidate, the said argument will not hold water, since this Court is bound by the decision of the Division Bench of this Court. The Division Bench, in the aforesaid decision, has categorically held that PSTM category preference is not applicable to those, who are already in service under the State. Therefore, this Court does not find any merit in the contentions of the petitioner as raised in this writ petition.

6. Accordingly, this writ petition is dismissed. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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