



WP No. 3409 of 2026



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09-02-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

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and WMP No. 3830 of 2026**

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Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State of Tamilnadu
rep. by its Principal Secretary,
Health and Family Welfare Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai 600 009.

2.. The Commissioner
Department Of Indian Medicine And Homoeopathy,
Anna Government Hospital Campus,
Arumbakkam, Chennai 106.

3.The Medical Recruitment Services Board
Rep. By Its Secretary,
EMS Building, 7th Floor,
Anna Salai, Chennai 600 006.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER; This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to forthwith appoint the petitioners as Pharmacist in their respective specialization under the relevant Notification in any of the existing or future vacancies as per merit and to extend all consequential service benefits by giving effect to the order of this Honble Court made in W.P.No.13004/2018 dated 26.06.2024.



For Petitioner(s): Mr.L. Chandrakumar
For Respondent: Mr.T.K.Tippusulthan, GA RR1 & 2
Mr.S.J.Mohammed Sathick R3

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ORDER

This petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondent to appoint the petitioners as Pharmacist in their respective specialization under the relevant Notification in any of the existing or future vacancies as per merit and to extend all consequential service benefits by giving effect to the order of this Honble Court made in W.P.No.13004/2018 dated 26.06.2024.

2. It is the case of the petitioner that the petitioners are all Diploma Holders in Pharmacy obtained in various field of specialization such as Siddha, Homeopathy, Ayurvedha and Unanni Medicines, On 28.11.2023, the respondent has published notification calling for filling up of 26 vacancies earmarking to various categories and the said 26 vacancies were classified as 4 backlog vacancies and 22 regular vacancies. Pursuant to the above said notification, the selection process stood completed and all the petitioners were called for certificate verification held during February 2024 and no posting orders were issued. Meanwhile, WP.No.1875 of 2024 was filed challenging the above said notification and also two other notification in Nos.12 & 13 dated 28.11.2023 and a consequential direction to appoint the petitioners therein in the respective discipline/field on the basis of employment exchange seniority was sought for



and the same was dismissed resulting in the claim of the petitioners. The order in writ petition stood confirmed in WA.No.1295 of 2024. In the meantime, during 2018, when similar notifications No.1,2,3,4 dated 13.02.2018 for the post of Pharmacist were challenged in WP.No.13004 of 2018 wherein the petitioners therein sought for quashing of G.O.Ms.No.301 Health and Family Welfare (IM-1) Department dated 30.08.2017 along with these notifications with a consequential direction to appoint the petitioners therein purely on merits basis. On 26.06.2024, the said writ petition was allowed on the premises that in view of the selection process having already commenced and completed and the amendment to the Rules made in GO.Ms.No.301 Health and Family Welfare (IM2-1) Department dated 30.08.2017 cannot have the force of applicability. Therefore, as per the dictum of law and that of the orders referred supra, the respondent department were to process the selection and issue appointment orders to all those selected candidates and to whom the certificate verification stood completed, which includes the petitioners herein who are made to wait for the same till date. Hence, the present writ petition seeking appropriate direction to consider their claim for appointment pursuant to the notification Nos.11,12,13 dated 28.11.2023 and to appoint them in the respective posts on the basis of their selection which stood crystallized by completion of certificate verification during February 2024 itself.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that this Court may



issue a direction to the respondents to publish the list of selected candidates within the stipulated time as fixed by this Court.

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4. Heard the learned counsel for both side and perused the materials available on record.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and in view of the limited request sought for by the petitioner, this court directs the respondents to publish the list of selected candidates pursuant to the notification dated 28.11.2023 and list the candidates who called for certificate verification as per communal roaster dated 22.02.2024 within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. With the above directions, the writ petition is disposed of. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed. No costs.

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