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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

WP No.2365 of 2026

AND

WMP NO. 2619 OF 2026

V.Chandiravathanan

S/o.Veerakannu

No.6, VTC Street,

Thirubuvananthapuram

Puducherry-605 107.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs.

1. The Central Information Commission

Baba Gangnath Marg,

Munirka, New Delhi-110 067

2. The Secretary to Department,

Department of Personnel and Administrative

Reforms(Personnel Wing)

Secretariat, Puducherry-605 001.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer : This Writ Petition is filed to issue a writ of Certiorari Mandamus, calling for the concerned records relating to the order dated 29.09.2025 in File No.CIC/ UTPON/ A/ 2024/ 110831 passed by the 1st respondent and direct the



2nd respondent to furnish the required information on the basis of the RTI application submitted by the petitioner on 28.12.2023

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For Petitioner(s) : M.Gnanasekar

For Respondents : Ms.V.Usha
Addl.Govt.Pleader(Pondicherry)

ORDER

Heard Mr.Gnanasekar, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Ms.Usha, learned Additional Government Pleader for the respondents.

2. The issue pertains to two questions that have been posed by the petitioner. Initially, the petitioner had posed several questions but when the appeal was taken up for disposal, he confined himself only to questions 6 & 12. Insofar as Information No.6 is concerned, the Central Information Commission has already directed the issuance of the said information.

3. Insofar as the Information No.12 i.e. “ *the total number of vacancies for the post of Stenographer Grade II and Grade III, all notifications, category*



wise vacancies (ex.ST, SC, MBC, OBC) recruited vacancies in general and category wise recruited through direct recruitment for post of stenographer grade-II and Grade III list including name and category, recruited by DO and AR Puducherry from 2000 to 2010” is concerned, the Central Information Commission had rejected the same, stating that the CPIO is not in a position to provide the same. The CPIO is the second respondent herein.

4. The records sought by the petitioner must be available with the second respondent. They relate to the number of vacancies and notifications issued by the Government of Puducherry for the purpose of filling up posts through Direct Recruitment to the posts of Stenographer Grade II and Grade III. Unless and until such information is available, the State of Puducherry would not be in a position to issue notifications for vacancy to fill up the vacancies.

5. When this aspect was pointed out Ms.Usha, she states that the information would be provided within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Her submission is recorded. This writ petition is ordered. The second respondent shall provide the information extracted above within a period of two weeks. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.



6. In case, the second respondent fails to issue the information within a period of two weeks, Mr.Gnanasekaran is at liberty to make a mention.

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The second respondent shall act upon the web copy of the order and need not wait for the certified copy.

To

1. The Central Information Commission
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Munirka, New Delhi-110067
2. The Secretary to Department,
Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms
(personnel wing)
Secretariat, Puducherry-605 001.



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