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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 4611 of 2026

and WMP.Nos.5129, 5131, 5132 of 2026

1. S.Gowri

W/o. Balasankar,
No.385, AbithaGardern,
Salamedu,
Villupram-605 401

2. C.Madhesh

S/o. Chinnamuniyappan,
Chinnapoolampatti,
Periyampatti,
Palacode Taluk,
Dharmapuri District-635 205

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Director

Directorate of Public Health and
Preventive Medicine,
Teynampet,
Chennai 600 006.



2. The Director, Directorate of Medical and Rural

Health Services

DMS Complex,

Teynampet,

Chennai 600 006

3. Medical Service Recruitment Board,

Rep. by its Member Secretary,

Government of Tamil Nadu,

No.359, Anna Salai, DMS Complex,

Teynampet,

Chennai 600 006

..Respondent(s)

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records of the 3rd respondent herein, Impugned Proceedings in CV INTIMATION NO.19/MRB/2025, dated 21.01.2026 and consequential provisional selection list in PSL No -02/MRB/2026, dated 30.01.2026 of the 3rd respondent and quash the same, consequentially, direct the respondents to continue the selection process for the post of field assistant strictly in accordance with the Notification NO.19/MRB/2025, dated 09.12.2025 of the 3rd respondent by selecting the persons who have completed (One Year duration course) i.e., CMLT alone.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.A.Ilayaperumal

For Respondent(s): Mr.K.Tippu Sulthan, GA for R1 & R2

Mr.S.J.Mohd. Sathik, SC for R3



ORDER

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Challenging the impugned Proceedings in CV INTIMATION NO.19/MRB/2025, dated 21.01.2026 and consequential provisional selection list in PSL No -02/MRB/2026, dated 30.01.2026 of the third respondent, the present Writ Petition has been filed. Further, the petitioners have sought for a direction to the respondents to continue the selection process for the post of Field Assistant strictly in accordance with the Notification NO.19/MRB/2025, dated 09.12.2025 of the third respondent by selecting the persons, who have completed (One Year duration course) i.e., CMLT alone.

2. Heard the learned counsels appearing on either side and also perused the materials placed on record. With the consent of both sides, the Writ Petition is taken up for hearing at the admission stage itself.

3. The brief facts of the case is as follows:

3.1. The petitioners have completed SSLC, HSC and one year Medical Laboratory Technician Course. They applied through on-line for the posts of Field Assistant issued by the respondents under Notification No.19/MRB/2025 dated 09.12.2025 and secured weightage marks 53.28 and 52.40 respectively. Though they are eligible as per the aforesaid notification, the persons who have completed two years course have been called for certificate verification and the



provisional selection list was also published. As per G.O.No.549, Health & Family Welfare Department, dated 08.12.2025, direct recruitment was stopped for the Lab Technician Grade-II for the Diploma courses and contrary to that, the third respondent accepted the applications from Diploma holders and published the provisional selection list on 30.01.2026. Aggrieved by the same, the present Writ Petition has been filed.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the required qualification as per the aforesaid notification is that the candidates should possess HSC and one year Medical Laboratory Technician Course acquired from any institution recognised by the Director of Medical Education and must have a good physique, vision and capacity to do outdoor work. He further submitted that the respondents have accepted the applications from Diploma holders, who have secured higher marks and selected for the posts, which deprived the petitioners for selection. Hence, aggrieved by the publication of the provisional selection list by the respondents, the present Writ Petition is filed.

5. The learned counsel for the respondents submitted that the petitioners should have challenged the said notification prior to their participation and now challenging the order passed by the third respondent is impermissible, as the selection process was over. He further submitted that the petitioners herein



have secured 53.28 and 52.40 and are not eligible for selection as the cut off marks for BC and MBC categories are as follows:

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BC

MBC

General - 73.22

General - 75.96

W-PSTM - 75.17

General PSTM - 73.12

General PSTM - 75.93

Ex.Ser PSTM - 72.81

W-DAP - 59.59

Thus, the learned Government Advocate prayed for dismissal of the present petition.

6. Perusal of the records reveal that the petitioners have secured only 53.28 and 52.40 marks and their marks were not near to the cut off marks as stated supra. In this backdrop, this Court is not inclined to grant the relief as sought for by the petitioners herein. As rightly contended by the learned Government Advocate, the petitioners have to challenge the notification if they are aggrieved by the action of the respondents in regard to permitting the Diploma holders to participate in the recruitment process. Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands dismissed. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petitions are closed. There shall be no order as to costs.



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7. WMP.No.5128 of 2026 filed by the petitioners to permit them to file a single Writ Petition is allowed subject to payment of a single Court fee.

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Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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