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W.P.No.4643 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 26.02.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

**W.P.No. 4643 of 2026
and W.M.P.No.5168 of 2026**

V.Sakthivel

...Petitioner

Vs

1. 1. The State of Tamil Nadu,
2. Rep.by its Principal Secretary to Government,
3. Higher Education Department,
4. Fort St.George, Chennai-600 009.
2. 2. The Director of School Education,
Directorate of School Education,
DPI Complex, College Road,
Chennai-600 006.
3. 3. Teachers Recruitment Board,
Rep.by its Secretary,
3rd and 4th Floor, Puratchi Thalaivar
Dr.MGR Centenary Building,
Perasiriyar Anbazhagan Kalvi Valagam,
DPI Complex,
College Road,
Chennai-600 006.
- 2.

..Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records of the ineligible list of the third respondent dated 22.01.2026, which includes the name



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of the petitioner in Serial No.2 of the ineligible candidate for the subject Commerce for Direct Recruitment of Post Graduate Assistant in Commerce and quash the same as illegal and arbitrary and consequently, direct the third respondent to issue an order selecting the petitioner for the direct recruitment for the post of PG Assistant in Commerce pursuant to Notification No.02/2025, dated 10.07.2025 in the MBC/DNC Communal Category based on G.O.Ms.No.268, Higher Education (K1) Department, dated 29.11.2019 and G.O.Ms.No.257, Higher Education (J1) Department, dated 24.11.2025 and based on the said selection direct the second respondent to issue appointment order to the petitioner as PG Assistant in Commerce in any of the Government Higher Secondary Schools preferably in Krishnagiri District.

For Petitioner :

Ms.Nalini Chitambaram
Senior Counsel for
Ms.C.Uma

For Respondents :

Mr.M.R.Gokul Krishnan
Additional Government Pleader
for R1 and R2
Mr.R.Neelakandan
Additional Advocate General
assisted by
Mr.C.Kathiravan for R3



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ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed challenging the ineligible list issued by the third respondent dated 22.01.2026, which includes the name of the petitioner in Serial No.2 of the ineligible candidate for the subject Commerce for Direct Recruitment of Post Graduate Assistant in Commerce and for a consequential direction to the third respondent to issue an order selecting the petitioner for the direct recruitment for the post of PG Assistant in Commerce pursuant to Notification No.02/2025, dated 10.07.2025 in the MBC/DNC Communal Category based on G.O.Ms.No.268, Higher Education (K1) Department, dated 29.11.2019 and G.O.Ms.No.257, Higher Education (J1) Department, dated 24.11.2025 and based on the said selection, direct the second respondent to issue appointment order to the petitioner as PG Assistant in Commerce in any of the Government Higher Secondary Schools preferably in Krishnagiri District.

2. The petitioner applied for the post of PG Assistant [Commerce] pursuant to the Notification issued by the Teachers Recruitment Board. He was called for Certificate Verification. However, on 22.01.2026, the Teachers Recruitment Board released the ineligible list of Candidates after Certificate Verification, in which, the petitioner's name was included in Serial No.2. The



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reason for such ineligibility was shown as “PG Degree is not equivalent as per G.O.Ms.No.195, dated 14.08.2018”.

3. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner submitted a representation to the respondents dated 23.01.2026 stating that even during Certificate Verification, the petitioner has submitted G.O.Ms.No.72, Higher Education Department dated 30.04.2013, in which, in Resolution No.3, it was stated that M.Com Computer Application from Periyar University is equivalent to M.Com Degree. The petitioner also produced G.O.Ms.No.268, Higher Education Department, dated 29.11.2019 in which in item No.2.39, it was stated that M.Com C.A offered by Periyar University was equivalent to M.Com for the purpose of employment in Public Services. Therefore, the third respondent failed to take note of the Government Orders produced by the petitioner in his representation dated 23.01.2026 and delete the name of the petitioner from the list of ineligible candidates and issue an order of selection to the petitioner for the post of PG Assistant in Commerce pursuant to the Notification No.02/2025 dated 10.07.2025.



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4. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents 1 and 2 and the learned Additional Advocate General assisted by the learned counsel appearing for the third respondent.

5. It is fairly submitted by the learned Additional Advocate General that the qualification secured by the petitioner (i.e.,) M.Com in Computer Application from Periyar University is equivalent to M.Com Degree and therefore, the representation of the petitioner will be considered by the respondents and necessary action would be taken in this regard.

6. Recording the submission made by the learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the respondent No.3, this Writ Petition is allowed and the ineligible list issued by the third respondent dated 22.01.2026 is quashed insofar as Serial No.2, in which, the petitioner's name has been mentioned.

7. The third respondent is directed to act upon the representation submitted by the petitioner taking into consideration of the Government Orders appended thereto and pass suitable orders within a period of two weeks from the



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date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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Note: Issue order copy on **02.03.2026**

To

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