



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

W.P. No.7216 of 2026

and

W.M.P. No.7814 of 2026

G.Gengammal
W/o.Suresh,
No.4/346, Kattananseval,
Tayilpatti, Virudhunagar-626 128.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Government of Tamil Nadu
Represented by its Secretary,
Department of Health and Family Welfare,
Fort St. George, Chennai 600 009.
2. The Director of Medical Education and
Research,156, Poonamallee High Road,
New Bupathy Nagar,
Chetpet, Chennai-600 031.
3. The Secretary,
The Selection Committee,
The Director of Medical Education and
Research, 156, Poonamallee High Road,
New Bupathy Nagar, Chetpet,
Chennai-600 031.
4. The Medical counselling committee (MCC)
Rep by its chairman / Secretary
Directorate General of Health Services,
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare,
Government of India,
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi 110 011
5. The District Collector
Virudhunagar District,



Virudhnagar-626 001.

6. The Tahsildar,
Virudhunagar Taluk,
Virudhunagar District.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for a writ of Mandamus to direct the Respondents to recognise the petitioner, belonging to the Hindu Vadugar community as a Telugu Linguistic Minority Candidate and to accept the Minority Certificates issued by the competent Revenue Authorities in her favour and consequently to consider and grant admission to the petitioner to a Post Graduate Medical Course for the academic year 2025-26 under the Telugu Linguistic Minority quotas, notwithstanding the conclusion

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.P.Chandrasekar
for Mr.R.Mohanaraja

For Respondent(s):

Mr.E.Sundaram
Government Advocate (For R1, R2)
Ms.M.Sneha (for R3)
Ms.V.Sudha
Senior Panel Counsel (for R4)
Mr.S.Senthil Murugan
Special Government Pleader (For R5 & R6)

ORDER

The Writ Petition is filed directing the respondents to recognise the petitioner belonging to Hindu Vadugar Caste as a Telugu Linguistic Minority candidate and to accept the Minority Certificate issued by the competent Revenue Authority in her favour and consequently to consider and give admission to the petitioner to the Post Graduate Medical Course for the Academic Year 2025-26.



2. Upon considering the arguments made on behalf of the learned counsel for the petitioner and perusing the material records of the case and on hearing the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents, the brief facts leading to the filing of the writ petition are that, the petitioner is competing in the Post Graduate admission to Medical Courses for the Academic Session 2025-2026. It is the case of the petitioner that she belongs to Hindu Vadugar Caste, which is a Telugu-speaking minority. It is the further case of the petitioner that all along, even in the previous years, the petitioner was permitted to take part in the counselling as a linguistic minority candidate. This year, the petitioner had simply uploaded the earlier certificate issued by the Zonal Deputy Tahsildar on 17.07.2024. Upon scrutiny, it was found that the said certificate is not in accordance with Annexure-II in the current prospectus for the year 2025-2026. The current prospectus Annexure-II categorically states that the Tahsildar has to certify that the mother tongue of the petitioner is Telugu, however, upon perusing the certificate which is produced by the petitioner, it can be seen that the certificate only states that she knows to speak Telugu. Therefore, no exception whatsoever can be taken for rejecting the case of the petitioner for consideration under the Telugu Minority Quota. However, it can be seen that upon realising the mistake, the petitioner has again approached the Tahsildar to get the certificate in right format and the petitioner is now ready to produce the same.

3. It is seen that now only the stray round is remaining, the petitioner is



already participating in the Management Quota. Under the circumstances, considering the grievance of the petitioner cannot be retrospectively redressed by disturbing the allotment of seats already made, this Writ Petition is disposed on the following terms:

i) The petitioner shall participate in the Stray round under the Telugu Linguistic Minority Quota by producing the proper certificate as per Annexure-II. Upon production thereof, the petitioner will be allowed to participate in the above quota.

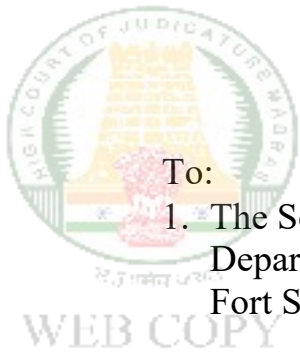
ii) If there is no vacancy in the said quota that is shown in the stray round or no allotment of seat on that quota to be made, it is open for the petitioner to participate as a general candidate in the Management Quota.

iii) In case the petitioner is being considered under the Telugu Minority Quota, needless to mention that she will be placed in the bottom of the merit list.

4. Accordingly the writ petition stands disposed of. The authorities concerned shall act based on the web copy of the order without waiting for receipt of the certified copy of the order. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No
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