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W.P.Nos.14890 and 14951 of 2



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM
AND
THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.SENTHILKUMAR

W.P.Nos.14890 and 14951 of 2025 and
W.M.P.Nos.16788 and 16791 of 2025

1. R.Rajaram
2. R.Jeeva
3. M.Roobina

..Petitioners

-VS-

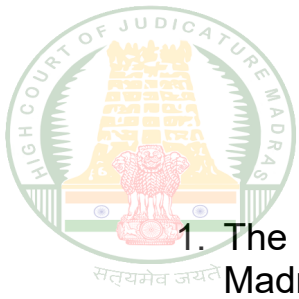
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Chennai - 600 108.
2. The Registrar (Recruitment)
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3. The Human Resources (M) Department,
State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by its Principal Secretary,
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai - 600 009.
4. Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission,
TNPSC Road, VOC Nagar, Park Town,
Chennai - 600 003.
(R3 & R4 *suo motu* impleaded by order
dated 13.06.2025)

..Respondent(s)

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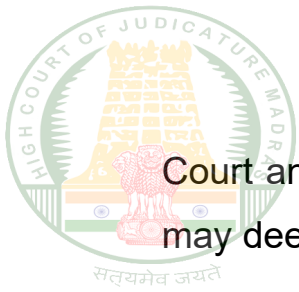
... Respondents

W.P.No.14890 of 2025

Prayer: Calling for the records relating to the selection list dt.07.03.2025 issued by the 2nd Respondent Recruitment Cell provisionally shortlisted candidates for the Post of Examiners, Reader, Senior Bailiff and Junior Bailiff in the Villupuram District and to quash the same as being arbitrary, illegal, and contrary to the Article 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and for a consequential direction to the 1st Respondent to redraw the selection list of shortlisted candidate based on maximum qualification to be fixed by this Court.

W.P.No.14951 of 2025

Prayer: Directing to the 1st Respondent to redraw the selection list of candidate based on maximum qualification to be fixed by this Hon'ble



Court and to issue such further or other directions as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and award costs.

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For Petitioners:

For Respondents:

Mr.V.Govardhanan (in both)

Ms.N.Kanthimathi for R1 & R2,

No Appearance for R3 & R4

COMMON ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by S.M.Subramaniam J.)

W.P.No.14980 of 2025 has been filed, challenging the selection list dated 07.03.2025 issued by the 2nd respondent Recruitment Cell in respect of provisionally shortlisted candidates for the post of Examiners, Reader, Senior Bailiff and Junio Bailiff in Villupuram District.

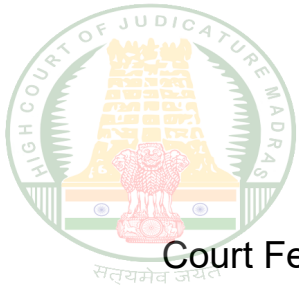
2. The core contention made on behalf of the petitioner is that over-qualified persons are appointed to Class-IV Category, thereby depriving the right of opportunity to rightfully qualified persons. Candidates possessing SSLC and Higher Secondary qualifications were deprived of their opportunity to secure employment. These qualified candidates cannot be equated with higher qualified candidates. Even in the selection process, there is no level playing field. Thus, the Selection List is to be quashed and set aside.



3. No doubt, anguish and views expressed by Mr.V.Govardhanan, learned counsel for the petitioner has got relevance and significance in the matter of providing equal opportunity in public employment as mandated in the Constitution of India. Prescription of minimum and maximum qualifications are essential for the purpose of maintaining level playing field amongst equally qualified candidates. Based on the judgment of this Court, High Court Rule was implemented subsequently and maximum qualification is also prescribed. However, in respect of selection process already conducted, the same cannot be unsettled, since selection process was conducted as per Rules, which was in force during the relevant point of time. That apart, process of selection was already concluded and selected candidates are serving in the Judicial Department. That being so, relief sought for at this juncture cannot be considered by this Court.

4. Consequently, **W.P.No.14890 of 2025** is dismissed.

5. In view of the order passed herein-above, the connected **W.P.No.14951 of 2025** filed for a direction to the 1st Respondent to redraw the selection list of candidate based on maximum qualification to be fixed by this Court is also dismissed.



W.M.P.No.16839 of 2025 is ordered on payment of separate

Court Fee. Other Miscellaneous Petitions are closed. No costs.

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(S.M.S.,J.) (N.S.,J.)
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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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