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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

WP No. 33697 of 2024

CNR:{HCMA012041322024}

and

WMP No. 36489 of 2024

V.Raman

..Petitioner

Vs

1. The State of Tamil Nadu
   Rep. by its Secretary to Government,
   Higher Education Department,
   Fort St. George, Chennai 600 009

2. The Director of School Education
   Directorate of School Education,
   DPI Campus, College Road, Chennai 600 006

3. Teachers Recruitment Board
   Rep By its Member Secretary,
   3rd and 4th floor,
   Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. MGR Centenary Building
   DPI Campus, College Road, Chennai 600 006

4. R. Santhiya
   PG Assistant in Mathematics
   Adhiyaman Government Boys Higher Secondary School
   Dharmapuri 636 705

5. C. Revathi
   PG Assistant in Mathematics,
   Government Higher Secondary School
   Sorakalathur Thiruvannamalai 606 802

..Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the 3rd respondent to delete the names of 4th and 5th respondents from the select list of candidates for the post of PG Assistant

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in Mathematics pursuant to Notification No 01/2021, dated 09.09.2021 as amended by Notification No. 01C/2022, dated 03.08.2022 under the quota reserved for Persons studied in Tamil Medium (PSTM) candidates and consequently include the name of the petitioner in the select list of candidates for the post of PG Assistant in Mathematics pursuant to Notification No.01/2021 dated 09.09.2021 as amended by Notification No.01C/2022, dated 03.08.2022 under the quota reserved for persons studied in Tamil Medium (PSTM) candidates and issue appointment order to the petitioner as PG Assistant in Mathematics.

For Petitioner:	Ms.Nallini Chidambaram, Senior Counsel for C.Uma
For R1 and R2:	Ms.B.Kaviya Government Advocate
For R3:	Mr.V.Stalin, Standing Counsel for TRB
For R4 and R5:	Mr.G.Sankaran, Senior Counsel for Mr.M.Sivakumar

ORDER

The present writ petition has been filed by the petitioner seeking a mandamus to delete the names of the 4th and 5th respondents from the selection list, on the ground that they do not qualify under the PSTM quota, since they pursued their Post Graduate degrees in English medium.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the 4th and 5th respondents studied in Periyar University. In this regard, when the petitioner asked for certain queries from Periyar University, an RTI reply dated 08.11.2022 stated that there was no medium of instruction for M.Sc.

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Mathematics in Tamil. Therefore, it is the contention of the petitioner that the selection of the said respondents under the PSTM quota is liable to be interfered with, as the very university which has conferred the degree upon them has categorically mentioned that there was no Tamil medium instruction for M.Sc. Mathematics. Hence, he prayed to issue a mandamus

3. The said contention was strongly objected to by the learned standing counsel appearing for the 3rd respondent, who contended that the petitioner, being a MBC candidate, does not have any say in respect of the selection of the 4th and 5th respondents, who come under the BC roster.

4. It is also his contention that the petitioner did not come within the zone of consideration as he secured only 75.85704 marks, whereas the MBC cut-off is 81 marks. It is also his contention that a similar challenge by the petitioner to the selection list, claiming appointment under the PSTM quota, has already been rejected by this Court in W.P.No.22905 of 2023. Therefore, the question of raising a similar claim by couching the Writ Petition in a disguised prayer cannot be entertained. Hence, he prayed to dismiss the writ petition.

5. In addition to the above submission, the learned senior counsel for the 4th and 5th respondents submitted that the 4th and 5th respondents had studied M.Sc. Mathematics in Tamil medium. Even according to the counter statement

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of the third respondent, they have directed the user Department to verify the certificates provided by the respondents 4 and 5, and in furtherance thereof, their certificates have been verified by the same university, which has given a certificate stating that all the certificates which includes PSTM certificate are genuine.

6. The senior counsel further contended that even as per the information furnished by the University to the respondents 4 and 5, they have categorically mentioned that even the PSTM certificate has been verified and found to be genuine. Therefore, it is the contention of the learned senior counsel that the respondents 4 and 5 have been selected based upon the PSTM quota and certificates issued by the University in this regard. In which the petitioner cannot have any say. Hence, he prayed to dismiss the writ petition

7. I have given my anxious consideration to either side submissions.

8. The main contention put forth by the learned counsel for the petitioner is that, according to the petitioner, the respondents 4 and 5 did not undergo Tamil medium of instruction while pursuing M.Sc. Mathematics. In this regard, the petitioner relies upon the RTI reply given by Periyar University. Whereas, as rightly contended by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the University had stated that there was no Tamil medium of instruction for M.Sc. Mathematics.

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However, it is relevant to note the stand taken by the 3rd respondent. According to the 3rd respondent, based upon the complaints and representations received from the petitioner, they have already directed the user Department to verify the certificates of the 4th and 5th respondents.

9. In pursuance thereto, it appears that the certificates of the 4th and 5th respondents have been verified and found to be genuine. To substantiate the same, the 4th and 5th respondents have submitted certificates issued by the Director, wherein they have awarded the certificate dated 23.06.2025, stating that the PSTM certificate issued by them is genuine as per the records maintained by them. Even in the RTI reply furnished to the 4th and 5th respondents, they have also reiterated the above position. Therefore, though the petitioner has relied upon a certain RTI reply, the 4th and 5th respondents have now come up with the certificate issued by the University along with the information furnished by the University that they had studied M.Sc. Mathematics under the Tamil medium of instruction.

10. In such view of the peculiar circumstances, more particularly, the dismissal of the earlier writ petition filed by the petitioner in W.P.No.22905 of 2023 vide order dated 24.07.2023, the petitioner cannot reopen his claim by way for filing this writ petition. It is also relevant to mention the respondents 4 and 5 come under the BC communal roster, whereas the petitioner belongs to

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MBC category. Therefore, in view of all the above, this Court does not find any merit in this writ petition.

11. Accordingly, this Writ Petition is dismissed. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed. No costs.

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