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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 04-11-2026

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THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE G. JAYACHANDRAN
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE E.MANOHARAN

W.P.No.45104 of 2026

Case QR

CNR:{HCMA012628412026}

and

W.M.P.No.50614 of 2026

E.Rajeshkumar,
S/o.Elumalai,
Kunjanthangal Village,
5-Puthur Post, Arani Taluk,
Thiruvannamalai District. … Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Registrar,
High Court of Madras, High Court
Buildings,
Chennai-104

2.The Registrar,
(Recruitment),
High Court of Madras High Court,
Buildings,
Chennai- 600 104. … Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for records relating to the disqualification of the petitioner candidate bearing in Registration No.25720082094 disqualified on the ground not possession of cut -off marks for the skill test pursuant to Notification No.72 of 2025 dated 06.04.2025 and called in the notification dated 14.10.2026 the candidates appeared in the skill

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test on 02.11.2026 for the posts of Chobdar, Office Assistant, Residential assistant, and Room Boy, and quash the same impugned rejection list in of for as it relates to petitioner candidates in accordance with rules and direct the 2nd respondent to permit him to participate in the skill test of the recruitment process, if he eligible and selected on merits and grant such other relief as deems fit to this Hon'ble Court.

For Petitioner: Mr.P.Ganapathy
For Respondent: Mr.B.Vijay,
Standing Counsel.

O R D E R

(Order of the Court was made by G.Jayachandran J.)

The petitioner herein, who belongs to MBC category, applied for the post of Chobdar, Office Assistant etc., pursuant to the notification No.72 of 2025 dated 06.04.2025 issued by the Registrar General, High Court, Madras. He has secured 18 marks in Part-A and 14 marks in Part-B in the common written examination. Having secured more than the minimum marks required in Part-A & Part-B, which was fixed as 10 marks, the candidature of the petitioner further taken up for scrutiny to call for skill test in the ratio of 1:4.

2. The petitioner, having found not falling within the zone of consideration, he was not invited for the skill test. Being aggrieved, the present Writ Petition is filed on the ground that the petitioner possess a valid LMV driving license and also he belongs to persons studies in Tamil Medium (PSTM)

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and, therefore, necessary weightage ought to have been given to him as per the notification.

3. Further, the submission of the Writ Petitioner is that similarly placed persons, namely Abdul Hameed, (Registration No.25720011004, who secured 31 marks), Arjun Prakash (Registration No.25720011093, who secured 39 marks), Mageshwari (Registration No.25720011474, who secured 38 marks) and Namasivayam (Registration No.25720021046, who secured 38 marks) were called for the skill test and similarly placed persons who secured less marks been called for skill test. The details of these persons are mentioned in paragraph (f) of the grounds of the Writ Petition.

4. Mr.B.Vijay, Learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondents/High Court, submitted that as per the notification, marks secured in Part-B alone to be taken up for consideration while shortlisting the candidates for the skill test. Insofar as MBC (PSTM) candidates are concerned, the cut-off mark as per ratio 1:4 is 25 marks in Part-B. Since the writ petitioner has secured 14 marks in the Part-B written examination, he was not called for. Insofar as the persons mentioned in paragraph (f) of the grounds are concerned namely, Abdul Hameed, (Reg.No.25720011004 secured 17 marks under BCM category), Arjun Prakash (Reg.No.25720011093 secured 21 marks under BC

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autism category, Mageshwari (Reg.No.25720011474, secured 21 marks under MBC PSTM category and Namasivayam (Reg.No.25720021046 secured 18 marks under GT category. Therefore, the marks mentioned in paragraph No.8 of the above four candidates are consolidated marks obtained in Part-A & Part-B. Whereas, for shortlisting candidates to participate in the skill test only marks secured in Part-B alone taken up for consideration and from among the candidates shortlisting is done in the ratio of 1:4 from among the respective category. The writ petition who belongs to MBC category cannot claim parity or compare with other category candidate.

5. From the particulars furnished by the Learned Standing Counsel for the respondent/Registrar General, we find that the name of the persons mentioned in paragraph (f) of the grounds does not belong to the MBC category, but different categories. The cut-off marks for their categories is less than what those candidates are secured. Hence, they found eligible for participating in the skill test. The cut-off marks for shortlisting under each category already uploaded in the Madras High Court Recruitment website and also enclosed along with the typed set. On verification, we find that the petitioner's averment in the ground (f) found to be incorrect and the prospectus of the recruitment notification clearly indicates that the marks secured in Part-B alone will be taking into consideration for eligibility purposes and thereafter, from among

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those who found eligible, for the skill test, only in the ratio 1:4 will be called. Since the petitioner does not fall within the parameters fixed for MBC (PSTM) for participating in the skill test, we find no merit in this Writ Petition. Accordingly, this Writ Petition stands dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

(Dr. G.JAYACHANDRAN, J.) & (E.MANOHARAN, J.)
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