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WP(MD)Nos.303, 313, 431, 468, 487, 490, 559, 742,
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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

Dated : 06.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

**WP(MD)Nos.303, 313, 431, 468, 487, 490, 559, 742, 898, 971, 1179,
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and

**WMP(MD)Nos.301 to 303, 313 to 315, 399, 401, 404, 439, 441, 443,
451, 452, 456 to 458, 505, 507, 508, 599, 601, 602, 721 to 724, 767 to
769, 919 to 921, 967 to 969, 971, 1585 to 1586 of 2026**

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1. G.Manimegalai
2. A.Prema
3. Roslin Mary
4. Dharanya
5. Gomathi
6. S.Radha
7. R.Akila
8. T.Kavitha
9. S.Priyanka
10. Subashini
11. S.Durgadevi

... Petitioners

Vs

The Member Secretary,
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Government of Tamil Nadu,
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Chennai – 6.

... Respondent



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For Petitioners : Mr.K.Prabhu

For Respondents : Mr.Ajmalkhan,
Additional Advocate General
assisted by M/s.P.Yasmin Begum

W.P.(MD)No.313 of 2026

1. D.Kalaiarasi
2. M.Vimala
3. S.Shakila Rani
4. T.Shanthi
5. B.Maheswari
6. M.Kalai Selvi
7. D.Samuthirakani
8. J.Backiyalakshmi
9. V.Mari Selvi
10. Suganthi

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For Petitioners : Mr.M.Rajarajan

For Respondents : Mr.Ajmalkhan,
Additional Advocate General
assisted by M/s.P.Yasmin Begum

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1. R.Hemavathi
2. S.K.Priyanka
3. D.Pavithra
4. S.Gomathi

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Chennai – 600 009.
2. The Member Secretary,
Government of Tamilnadu,
Medical Services Recruitment Board (MRB),
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Teynampet, Chennai – 600 006.
3. The Member Secretary,
Government of Tamilnadu,
National Health Mission Tamil Nadu,
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DMS Annex Building,
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Teynampet,
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Chennai – 6.

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to call for the petitioners for the present Certificate Verification based on the weightage and seniority given in the original 2nd respondent's Notification No.10/MRB/2023 dated 11.10.2023 for the post of Auxiliary Nurse Midwife/Village Health Nurse by considering their representation dated 06.01.2026, within the period stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioners : Mr.A.Haja Mohideen
For R1 and R4 : Mr.C.Venkatesh Kumar,
Special Government Pleader
For R2 and R3 : Mr.Ajmalkhan,
Additional Advocate General
assisted by M/s.P.Yasmin Begum

W.P.(MD)No.468 of 2026

1. S.Jayarani
2. K.Viji
3. V.Manimaladevi
4. M.Muthumari
5. S.Dhanalakshmi
6. R.Nirmala
7. S.Jeyabharathi
8. S.Sengolmary

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For Petitioners : Mr.P.Karthick

For Respondent : Mr.Ajmalkhan,
Additional Advocate General
assisted by M/s.P.Yasmin Begum

W.P.(MD)No.487 of 2026

A.Rajeswari

... Petitioner

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Health & Family Welfare Department,
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2. Medical Services Recruitment Board,
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For Petitioner : Mr.T.Aswin Rajasimhan
For R1 : Mr.C.Venkatesh Kumar,
Special Government Pleader
For R2 : Mr.Ajmalkhan,
Additional Advocate General
assisted by M/s.P.Yasmin Begum

W.P.(MD)No.490 of 2026

1. S.Kamatchi
2. P.Krishnaveni
3. Hepzi Jebapriya
4. A.Vasanthi
5. D.Vanitha
6. R.Rajeswari
7. K.Raji
8. M.Veeralakshmi
9. M.Revathi
10. S.Selvalakshmi
11. S.Ramalakshmi
12. B.Kavitha
13. T.Rajeshwari
14. M.Valarmathi
15. G.Sethurani



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16. R.M.Semmalar

17. A.Rathi

18. T.Arul Jothi

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For Petitioners : Mr.R.Maheswaran

For Respondent : Mr.Ajmalkhan,
Additional Advocate General
assisted by M/s.P.Yasmin Begum

W.P.(MD)No.559 of 2026

1. V.Vinowliflora

2. S.Tamil Selvi

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3. A.Usharani
4. S.Chitra
5. R.Poorana Selva Rani
6. M.Bhuvanesh
7. M.Krishnaveni
8. A.Sivabackiam
9. S.Nandhinidevi

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For Petitioners : Mr.N.M.Krishna Kanth
For Respondent : Mr.Ajmalkhan,
Additional Advocate General
assisted by M/s.P.Yasmin Begum



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... Petitioner

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Chennai – 600 006.

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For Petitioner : Mr.SC.Herold Singh

For Respondent : Mr.Ajmalkhan,
Additional Advocate General
assisted by M/s.P.Yasmin Begum



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1. K.Sasikala
2. A.Durkadevi
3. M.Rosy Jencia
4. B.Cathrin Riga
5. K.Kalpana
6. T.Priya
7. L.Lakshmi Narasu
8. A.Indumathi
9. K.Bakkiyalakshmi
10. A.Nivetha
11. A.Stella Santhi
12. A.Anandhi
13. S.Arockia Shiny
14. P.Angalaparameswari
15. S.Thangamani
16. S.Revathi
17. N.Rajalakshmi
18. S.Vanitha
19. S.Murugeswari
20. V.Janupriya
21. M.Madhalina
22. S.Premavathi
23. P.Abinaya
24. C.Shalini
25. K.Kalaiyarasi
26. M.Poongodi

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For Petitioners : Mr.T.R.Vijaykumar

For Respondent : Mr.Ajmalkhan,
Additional Advocate General
assisted by M/s.P.Yasmin Begum

W.P.(MD)No.971 of 2026

1. S.Indira
2. K.Mariammal
3. M.Piramila
4. K.Saranya
5. K.Muthulakshmi
6. B.Kalaiyarasi
7. S.Krishnaveni
8. R.Zeyona
9. Rani
10. P.Velammal
11. R.Kalavathi

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For Petitioners : Mr.R.Esakkiraja



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For R1

: Mr.C.Venkatesh Kumar,
Special Government Pleader

For R2

: Mr.Ajmalkhan,
Additional Advocate General
assisted by M/s.P.Yasmin Begum

W.P.(MD)No.1179 of 2026

1. R.Banumathi
2. K.Arjitha Shivani
3. A.Atchaya
4. K.Boomika
5. M.Manibala

... Petitioners

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For Petitioners : Mr.A.Haja Mohideen

For RR1, 2 and 4 : Mr.C.Venkatesh Kumar,
Special Government Pleader

For R3 : Mr.Ajmalkhan,
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1. R.Juliet Marry
2. B.Bhuvaneshwari
3. B.Saranya
4. P.Praba

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For Petitioners : Mr.T.R.Vijaykumar
For Respondent : Mr.Ajmalkhan,
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1. R.Annamariyal
2. S.Santhkumari
3. R.Arulayee
4. R.Praveena
5. K.Shanthi
6. M.Dhanalakshmi
7. S.Tharani
8. A.Sujatha
9. M.Kamalanayaki
10. A.Karpagam
11. M.Samundeeswari
12. J.Geetha
13. K.Bakthalakshmi
14. N.Indira
15. R.Priyadharshini
16. Radha
17. S.Sathya
18. Soundarani
19. Kokilavani
20. Kavitha
21. G.Sudha
22. K.Radha
23. S.Sathya
24. G.Vijayakumari
25. R.Rajeswari
26. R.Revathi
27. T.Panimalar
28. L.Sangeeta
29. M.Sangeeta
30. B.Manonmani
31. S.Deepa
32. K.Uma

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For Petitioners	: Mr.N.Ganesh
For R1	: Mr.C.Venkatesh Kumar Special Government Pleader
For R2	: Mr.Ajmalkhan, Additional Advocate General assisted by M/s.P.Yasmin Begum



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COMMON ORDER

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The petitioners have applied for the post of Village Health Nurse pursuant to the Notification dated 11.10.2023 issued by the Medical Services Recruitment Board. The prescribed educational qualification as per the Notification dated 11.10.2023 reads as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Qualification
1.	Auxiliary Nurse Midwife/Village Health Nurse	(i) Must have passed Higher Secondary (+2). (ii) Must have undergone two years Multi – Purpose Health Workers (Female) training Course / Auxiliary Nurse Midwifery Training Course awarded by the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine; (iii) A certificate of registration issued by the Tamil Nadu Nurses and Midwives Council; and (iv) Must possess physical fitness for camp life. Provided that those who have undergone 18 months Multi-Purpose Health Workers (Female) Training Course / Auxiliary Nurse Midwifery Training Course awarded by the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine and have passed S.S.L.C. (10 th Standard) prior to 15.11.2012 are also eligible.

The selections are supposed to be made, based on the marks secured by the candidates in their academic and technical qualifications and certain weightage has been specified for the marks obtained in each education



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qualification, which reads as follows:

Minimum educational qualification required for the post	Weightage of marks		
	Certificate/ Diploma	HSC/P.U.C***	SSLC / 10 th
Certificate with PUC/HSC qualification (2012 onwards)**	50%	30%	20%

While so, the Medical Recruitment Board, by issuing a Corrigendum on 24.11.2025, has modified the weightage provided to the educational qualifications as under:

Minimum educational qualification required for the post	Weightage of marks		
	Certificate/ Diploma	HSC ***	SSLC / 10 th
a. Certificate with SSLC (until 15.12.2012)	60%	-	40%
b. Certificate with HSC qualification (2012 onwards)	60%	-	40%

Since the procedure of selection has been changed in the middle of selection, by issuing a Corrigendum on 24.11.2025 and also by taking away the weightage marks provided for Higher Secondary Certificate, all these writ petitions have been filed challenging the same.

2. This Court, while entertaining these writ petitions, has granted an interim order directing the respondent/s to allow the petitioners to



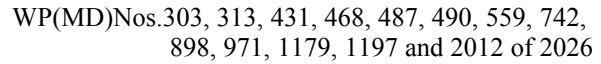
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participate in the counselling. The respondents have also filed their counter affidavit. Therefore, these writ petitions are taken up for final disposal.

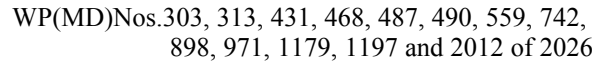
3. The learned counsel for the petitioners, by referring to a Division Bench Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Manjusree vs. State of Andhra Pradesh and another* reported in **2008 3 SCC 512**, submitted that changing the selection process after issuing the notification is not proper. The learned counsels have also pointed out that a Larger Bench of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in *Tej Prakash Pathak & others vs. Rajasthan High Court and others*, reported in **2025 2 SCC 1**, has also followed the principles laid down in *Manjusree's case*. The learned counsel for the petitioners have also pointed out that in view of this corrigendum, there are double entries in the certificate verification list.

4. The learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the respondent/Medical Recruitment Board submits that the rule of procedure of Medical Services Recruitment Board for recruitment of

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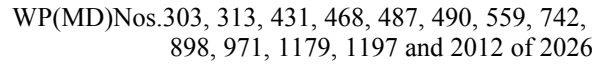


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6. With regard to the double entries, the learned Additional Advocate General admits that there are 428 double entries in the selection process. However, this is due to the fresh application filed by those candidates, who have already applied pursuant to the Notification of the year 2023. These double entries were also identified during the certificate verification and those double entries have also been eliminated.

7. This Court considered the rival submissions made and also



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“(a) Wherever the basic essential qualification for a technical post is a diploma / certificate has been changed from SSLC to HSC, in all such cases the weightage may be restricted to marks obtained in SSLC and the technical diploma / certificate (instead of HSC and the technical diploma / certificate).”

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completion of the selection procedure in an arbitrary manner. However, the recruitment body is also bound to conduct the recruitment only as per the extant rules for the particular post. It would be pertinent to refer to the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Tej Prakash Pathak and others vs. Rajasthan High Court and others*** reported in ***2025 2 SCC 1***, wherein the court considered the decisions rendered in ***K.Manjusree vs. State of Andhra Pradesh and another***, reported in ***2008 3 SCC 512*** and ***State of Haryana vs. Subash Chander Marwaha***, reported in ***19743 3 SCC 220***, and held that the extant rules regarding procedure and eligibility is binding on the recruiting bodies:

“Conclusions

65. We, therefore, answer the reference in the following terms:

65.1. Recruitment process commences from the issuance of the advertisement calling for applications and ends with filling up of vacancies;

65.2. Eligibility criteria for being placed in the select list, notified at the commencement of the recruitment process, cannot be changed midway through the recruitment process unless the extant Rules so permit, or the advertisement, which is not contrary to the extant



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Rules, so permit. Even if such change is permissible under the extant Rules or the advertisement, the change would have to meet the requirement of Article 14 of the Constitution and satisfy the test of non-arbitrariness;

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65.4. Recruiting bodies, subject to the extant Rules, may devise appropriate procedure for bringing the recruitment process to its logical end provided the procedure so adopted is transparent, non-discriminatory/non-arbitrary and has a rational nexus to the object sought to be achieved;

65.5. Extant Rules having statutory force are binding on the recruiting body both in terms of procedure and eligibility. However, where the rules are non-existent, or silent, administrative instructions may fill in the gap;

10. A perusal of Rules of Procedure of the Medical Services Recruitment Board, issued vide G.O.(Ms)No.401, Health and Family Welfare Department dated 16.12.2014 makes it clear that weightage should be provided only to the marks obtained in SSLC and the technical diploma/ certificate and not HSC as the minimum qualification for the post of Auxiliary Nurse Midwife/Village Health Nurse is Higher



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Secondary. However, the notification dated 11.10.2023 has provided weightage to the HSC marks against the extant rules of procedure. Therefore, the respondents have corrected this error by issuing the corrigendum dated 24.11.2025 and brought the selection process in line with the extant rules. In light of the amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the Medical Services Recruitment Board, vide G.O.(Ms)No.401, Health and Family Welfare Department dated 16.12.2014 and also considering the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Tej Prakash Pathak and others vs. Rajasthan High Court and others* reported in **2025 2 SCC 1** and the Government Order passed in G.O.(D)No.1379 dated 21.11.2025, this Court is not inclined to entertain these writ petitions.

11. Accordingly, all these writ petitions are dismissed. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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