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W.P. No.1309 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 21.01.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

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and

W.M.P. No.2041 of 2026

M. Sachithananthan

... Petitioner

vs.

1. The Principal Secretary to Government,
Health and Family Welfare (L1) Dept.,
Fort. St. George,
Chennai – 600 009.

2. The Director,
Directorate of Medical and Rural Health Services,
DMS Complex,
Teynampet,
Chennai – 600 006.

3. Medical Service Recruitment Board,
Rep. by its Chairman,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
No.359, Anna Salai,
DMS Complex,
Teynampet,
Chennai – 600 006.

.. Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue Writ of Mandamus direct the respondents to cancel the said examination which was conducted on 07.12.2025 for the post of Health Inspector Grade – II based on the Notification No.16/MRB/2025 dated 27.10.2025 and to issue order for a fresh re-examination under strict supervision for the post of Health Inspector Grade – II.



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For Petitioner : Mr.I. Abrar Mohamed Abdullah
for
Mr.K.Kathiresan

For Respondents: Mr.K. Tippusulthan
Govt. Advocate for R1 and R2
Mr.S.J. Mohammed Sathik
for R3

ORDER

The writ petition has been filed seeking a writ of Mandamus to cancel the examination conducted on 07.12.2025 for the post of Health Inspector Grade–II pursuant to Notification No.16/MRB/2025 dated 27.10.2025, and for a consequential direction to conduct a fresh examination under strict supervision.

2. It is stated that the petitioner completed his UG Degree in ECE the year 2017 and thereafter successfully completed the two-year Multipurpose Health Worker (Male) / Health Inspector / Sanitary Inspector Training Course in 2019. He further completed Diploma course and has also undergone Health Inspector training, thereby he possessed the requisite qualifications for the post of Health Inspector. It is also stated that during COVID-19 pandemic, he worked as Health Inspector Grade-II in Government Primary Health Centres on consolidated pay. While so, the 3rd respondent issued a recruitment notification dated 11.07.2023 for filling up 1066 vacancies of Health Inspector Grade-II through a competitive examination, which was later quashed. Subsequently, a fresh notification, Notification No.16/MRB/2025 dated 27.10.2025, was issued



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for 1429 vacancies, pursuant to which the impugned examination was conducted on 07.12.2025.

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3. It is the contention of the petitioner that the examination conducted on 07.12.2025 suffered serious irregularities, affecting its fairness and integrity. It is also stated that the petitioner himself personally witnessed and came to know of rampant copying, use of mobile phones inside examination halls, lack of proper invigilation, assistance rendered by invigilators to candidates, non-adherence to prescribed guidelines, and failure of Chief Superintendents to inspect several examination centres. The examination was conducted in computer-based mode without following mandatory safeguards, thereby enabling large-scale malpractice. Due to the above irregularities, he submitted a representation dated 05.01.2026 by e-mail to the respondents, which remains pending. The malpractices can be clearly established by examining the CCTV footage of the examination centres. Despite this, the respondents have proceeded with certificate verification, necessitating immediate interference by this Court. Hence, the present writ petition.

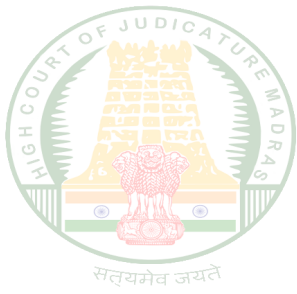
4. Mr.I. Abrar Mohamed Abdullah, learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the examination for the post of Health Inspector was vitiated by



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large-scale malpractices, including copying, use of mobile phones, lack of proper invigilation and assistance by invigilators. He vehemently argued that out of 83 centres, certain centres were videographed, and in particular, he pointed out by circulating a list of centres viz., Jayam College of Engineering and Technology, Dharmapuri, Shreenivasa Engineering College, Dharmapuri, Nagarathinam Angalammal Arts and Science College 1, Madurai and MNSK College of Engineering, Pudukottai, the malpractice was in mass level, which can be evidenced from the CCTV footage. More particularly, he submitted that CCTV footage is required with regard to aforesaid malpractices and this Court may issue directions accordingly. Also, he prayed that the respondents may be directed to consider the petitioner's representation dated 05.01.2026, which has not been considered till date, within a time frame. He finally submitted that the respondents have proceeded with further stages of selection and the same has to be stalled.

5. Learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents submitted that the examination was conducted in accordance with the procedure and that invigilators were drawn from the Revenue Department. He further submitted that the selection process is in progress. However, he submitted that this Court may issue appropriate directions in the above regard.



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6. This Court, without going into the merits of the allegations and considering that the petitioner's representation is still pending, is of the view that the same requires consideration in the interest of fairness in public recruitment.

7. In view of the above, the respondents are directed to consider the petitioner's representation dated 05.01.2026, including verification of the CCTV/video footage of the examination centres pointed out by the petitioner, and pass orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

8. The writ petition is disposed of with the above directions. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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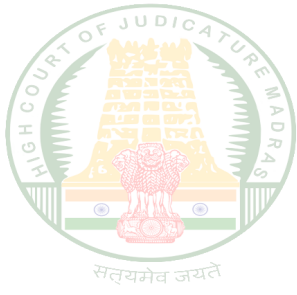
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