



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21.04.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ

W.P. No.12246 of 2026

and

W.M.P. Nos.13371, 13373, 13375 and 13376 of 2026

Dr. N. B. Rajeswari,
D/o. R. Bojan,
residing at 6/234,
Nunthala Village and Post,
The Nilgiris 643003.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Chairman
Teachers Recruitment Board,
3rd and 4th Floors,
Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. MGR Centenary
Building, Perasiriyar Anbalagan Kalvi
Valaagam, College Road, Chennai-600 006
2. The Commissioner,
Directorate of Collegiate Education,
577, Anna Salai, Saidapet,
Chennai-600 015.
3. The Principal Secretary,
Department of Higher Education
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai – 600 009.
4. Dr.S.Sandilyan,
Plot No. 15, Abdul Kalam Street,
PS. Ponninagar, Srinivasapuram,
Mayiladuthurai,
Nagapattinam District – 609 001.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, pleaded to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records



relating to the Ineligible List dated 12.03.2026 issued by the 1st Respondent pursuant to Notification No.04/2025 dated 16.10.2025 for appointment to the post of Assistant Professor in the subject of Wildlife Biology and quash the same insofar as the Petitioner is concerned and consequently direct the Respondents to treat the Petitioner's Ph.D. obtained in Part-Time mode as a Ph.D. obtained through Regular Mode, in accordance with the clarification issued by the University Grants Commission vide Notification dated 17.03.2017, and consequently consider the Petitioner for appointment to the post of Assistant Professor in the subject of Wildlife Biology under the Backward Class (Women) category, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.S.Krishnan
Senior Counsel
for Ms.Deekshitha Dinesh

For Respondent(s): Mr.Neelakandan
Additional Advocate General
assisted by
Mr.C.Kathiravan
Standing Counsel (for R1)

Mr.Vadivel Deenadayalan
Additional Government Pleader (for R2&3)

Mr.Menon Karthik (for R4)

ORDER

When the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Additional Advocate General submitted that the 2nd respondent had already been addressed with a communication as to whether part time Ph.D. would be treated as satisfying the eligibility criteria and he is yet to get their response. Learned Additional Advocate General has also sought for instructions from the 2nd respondent as to whether the discipline in which Ph.D. has been obtained by petitioner would also satisfy the eligibility criteria who is stated to be the User Department, however, there has not been any response from the 2nd respondent



He thus seeks time to get instructions on the above aspects.

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2. List the matter on 27.04.2026, by then the 2nd respondent shall provide necessary instructions to the learned Additional Advocate General. The interim order already granted by this Court is extended till then.

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To:

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