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WMP.Nos.27908 of 2026 & batch €



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08-07-2026

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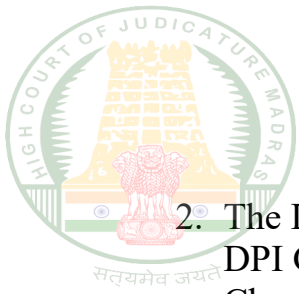
THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

**WMP Nos.27908, 27911, 28722, 28723 of 2026
and
WMP.Nos.27968, 27997, 27998, 28008, 28040,28009,
28041, 28049, 28053, 28083 of 2026
in
WP Nos. 25577, 26295 of 2026
and
W.P.Nos.25637, 25644, 25647, 25648, 25650,
25667, 25668 & 25674, 25675, 25697 & 25700 of 2026**

1.V.Mani	..Petitioner in W.P.No.25577 of 2026
2.G.Palanivel	.. 1 st Petitioner in W.P.No.26295 of 2026
3.D.Jayabalan	.. 2 nd Petitioner in W.P.No.26295 of 2026
4.S.Muthamizh Selvan	..Petitioner in W.P.No.25637 of 2026
5.A.Sangeetha	..Petitioner in W.P.No.25644 of 2026
6.S.Shalini	..Petitioner in W.P.No.25647 of 2026
7.A.Joseph Amalraj	..Petitioner in W.P.No.25648 of 2026
8.Karthika Rani V.	..Petitioner in W.P.No.25650 of 2026
9.S.Sudhanthira Vanitha	..Petitioner in W.P.No.25667 of 2026
10.RajivGandhi	..Petitioner in W.P.No.25668 of 2026
11.S.Geetha	..Petitioner in W.P.No.25674 of 2026
12.M.Simbarasan	..Petitioner in W.P.No.25675 of 2026
13.S.Chandhini	..Petitioner in W.P.No.25697 of 2026
14.N.Palanivelu	..Petitioner in W.P.No.25700 of 2026

Vs

1. The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Principal Secretary to Government
School Education Department
Fort St.George, Chennai 600 009.
.. 1st Respondent WP.Nos.25577 & 26295 of 2026



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DPI Campus, College Road,
Chennai 600 006.

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.. 3rd Respondent in W.P.No.26295 of 2026
.. 2nd Respondent in W.P.No.25637, 25644,
25647, 25648, 25650, 25667, 25668,
25674, 25675, 25697 & 25700 of 2026

3. The Joint Director (Personnel)
School Education
DPI Campus, College Road
Chennai - 600 006.

.. 3rd Respondent in W.P.No.25577 of 2026
.. 4th Respondent in W.P.No.26297 of 2026

4. The District Educational Officer
Kallakurichi District.

.. 4th Respondent in W.P.No.25577 of 2026
.. 5th Respondent in W.P.No.26295 of 2026

5. The Block Educational Officer
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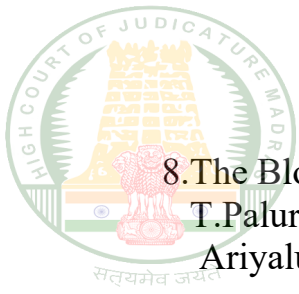
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7. The District Educational Officer
District Education Office
(Elementary Education)
Ariyalur District – 612 704.

.. 3rd Respondent in W.P.No.25637 of 2026



8.The Block Education Officer
T.Palur Block
Ariyalur District – 612 904.

.. 4th Respondent in W.P.No.25637 of 2026

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9.The District Educational Officer
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(Elementary Education)
Salem District – 636 001.

.. 3rd Respondent in W.P.No.25644 of 2026

10.The Block Education Officer
Omalur Block
Salem District – 636 455.

.. 4th Respondent in W.P.No.25644 of 2026

11.The District Educational Officer
Aranthangi District Education Office
(Elementary Education)
Aranthangi, Pudukottai District – 636 001.

.. 3rd Respondent in W.P.No.25647 of 2026

12.The Block Education Officer
Aranthangi Block
Pudukottai District – 614 616.

.. 4th Respondent in W.P.No.25647 of 2026

13.The District Educational Officer
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Ramanathapuram District. – 623 707.

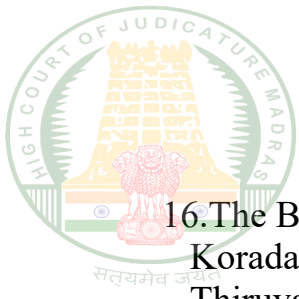
.. 3rd Respondent in W.P.No.25648 of 2026

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Block Education Office
Paramakudi.

.. 4th Respondent in W.P.No.25648 of 2026

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Paramakudi District Education Office
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.. 3rd Respondent in W.P.No.25650 of 2026



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16.The Block Education Officer
Koradachery Block
Thiruvavarur District – 613 703.

.. 4th Respondent in W.P.No.25650 of 2026

17.The District Educational Officer
Tharamangalam District Education Office
(Elementary Education)
Salem District. – 636 502.

.. 3rd Respondent in W.P.No.25667 of 2026

18.The Block Education Officer
Sankari Block
Salem District.

.. 4th Respondent in W.P.No.25667 of 2026

19.The District Educational Officer
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(Elementary Education)
Dharmapuri District. – 636 701.

.. 3rd Respondent in W.P.No.25668 of 2026

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Pennagaram Block
Dharmapuri District – 636 810

.. 4th Respondent in W.P.No.25668 of 2026

21.The District Educational Officer
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Kanchipuram District. – 631 502.

.. 3rd Respondent in W.P.No.25674 of 2026

22.The Block Education Officer
Uththiramerur Block
Kanchipuram District – 603 406.

.. 4th Respondent in W.P.No.25674 of 2026

23.The District Educational Officer
District Education Office
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Dharmapuri District. – 636 806



.. 3rd Respondent in W.P.No.25675 of 2026

24.The Block Education Officer
Palacode Block
Dharmapuri District.

.. 4th Respondent in W.P.No.25675 of 2026

25.The District Educational Officer
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Tirupattur District. – 635 601.

.. 3rd Respondent in W.P.No.25697 of 2026

26.The Block Education Officer
Natrampalli Block
Tirupattur District 635 852.

.. 4th Respondent in W.P.No.25697 of 2026

27.The District Educational Officer
District Education Office
(Elementary Education)
Pudukottai District. – 622 001.

.. 3rd Respondent in W.P.No.25700 of 2026

28.The Block Education Officer
Viralimalai Block
Pudukottai District – 621 316.

.. 4th Respondent in W.P.No.25700 of 2026

For Petitioners:
(in W.P.Nos.25577 &
26295 of 2026)

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For Petitioners:

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For Respondents :
(in all WPs)

Mr.T.Gowthaman
Additional Advocate General
Assisted by Mr.K.Sathish
Government Advocate



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ORDER

The petitioners are aggrieved by the fact that despite the common order passed by this Court in W.P.Nos.17895 & 19587 of 2022 dated 20.10.2022, wherein this Court had directed the respondents to proceed with the preparation of the promotion panel, the respondents are not giving effect to the same. However, challenging the said order, the State had preferred an appeal in W.A.Nos.313 of 2022 and batch etc., The Division Bench by order dated 02.06.2023 in W.A.Nos.313 of 2022, had upheld the order of the learned Single Judge in W.P.Nos.17895 & 19587 2022 and dismissed the appeal. Thereafter, the State had went right upto the Supreme Court.

2. In the judgment in *Anjuman Ishaat-E-Taleem Trust Vs. The State of Maharashtra & Ors.*, reported in [2025 SCCOnline SC 1912], the Hon'ble Supreme Court had directed that qualifying the Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) is a mandatory condition for both new and in-service teachers to continue their service as well as to seek promotion.

3. The in-service candidates have filed an implead petition whereby they would contend that by reason of the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court extending the time for qualifying in the TET examination till 31.08.2028, the



holding of the promotion counselling at this stage would affect their interest.

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4. The learned Additional Advocate General would submit that if the promotion counselling at this stage is proceeded with, it would cause grave prejudice to the in-service candidates who have taken the TET examination, since they are much senior to the petitioners herein. Therefore, he would submit that the transfer counselling could go on.

5. Heard the rival submissions of both sides.

6. The learned Additional Advocate General has submitted that the corrections and publication of the results of the recently concluded TET Examination will be ready within a period four to six weeks. Once the results are through, then these in-service candidates shall also be considered for the transfer counselling as well as the promotion counselling. If the transfer counselling is proceeded without their inclusion, it will cause grave prejudice to them as well. In the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, in the case of *Anjuman-E.Tasleem Trust Vs. State of Maharastra & Ors* [Civil Appeal No.1385/2025] has made it compulsory for all teachers to qualify the TET exam.



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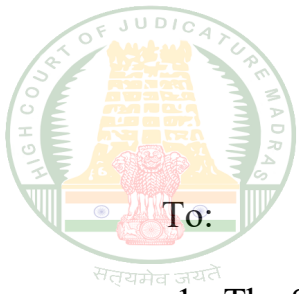
7. It appears that once the results of the TET examination is published, the number of persons who have qualified would become evident, and the respondents can proceed with finalising the promotion panel. However, if in the interregnum, the transfer counselling takes place, it would only result in festering and multiplying the litigations. Therefore, this Court is of the opinion that till the result of the TET is finalised, it would be in the interest of all, including the State to put on hold the transfer counselling.

8. Therefore, considering the balance of convenience and the prejudice that the holding of transfer counselling would cause to the petitioners as well, as the parties seeking to implead themselves, there shall be an order of interim injunction to the respondents from proceeding with the transfer counselling for the year 2026-2027, till 24.08.2026.

9. Post the matter on 24.08.2026. Till such time, the transfer counselling is put on hold.

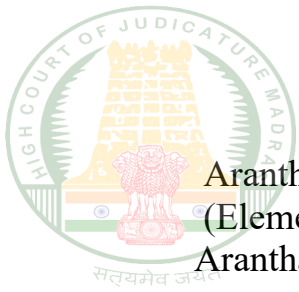
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