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W.M.P.No.45796 of 2025 in W.P.No.20452 of 2021

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 05.12.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE T.VINOD KUMAR

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M.R.Keerthana

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Petitioner

-vs-

1.The Secretary,  
The Tamilnadu Public Service Commission,  
TNPSC Road, Broadway,  
Chennai – 600 003.

2.The Secretary to Government,  
Department of Home Affairs,  
Fort St.George,  
Chennai.

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Respondents

PRAYER : To restore the Writ Petition No.20452 of 2021 dismissed for default on 06.09.2024.

For Petitioner : Mr.L.Sathiyaraj

For Respondent 1 : Mr.R.Bharanidharan,  
Standing Counsel.

For Respondent 2 : Mrs.V.Yamunadevi,  
Spl.Govt. Pleader.



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ORDER

Pursuant to a direction of this Court, Sri R.Bharanidharan, learned Standing Counsel, appearing on behalf of first respondent, has placed before this Court a sealed envelope, stated to be containing the marks secured by the petitioner in written examination and also the marks awarded to the petitioner in interview by a three member panel. The sealed cover, as placed before this Court, is opened in the Court in the presence of the learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Standing Counsel for first respondent, and learned Special Government Pleader for second respondent.

2. In the envelope, the respondent also placed the details of cut-off marks, category wise, with the rank of last candidate selected in that category.

3. A perusal of the details furnished shows that the total marks secured by the petitioner in the written examination as well as oral interview is 266, which is less than the marks secured by a general candidate. However, this Court noticed discrepancy in the selection process, as selection under general category is for lesser marks while preferential recruitment has been made at a higher mark, which prima facie raises a doubt in the mind of the Court as to how the respondents are applying the roster point to the selection process.



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4. In view of the above, the learned Standing Counsel is directed to get instructions/clarification as to how the respondents have applied the roster point while notifying the aforesaid vacancies and also the selection adopted for general candidates and preferential recruitment.

5. List the matter on 16.12.2025.

6. The documents, as placed before this Court in sealed cover, which is opened in Court, are returned back to the learned Standing Counsel, for producing the same on the next date of hearing.

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