



W.P.No.46348 of 2025 etc. batch

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED : 28.11.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE **G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN**

W.P.Nos.46348, 46353, 46358, 46616, 46622, 46625, 46630, 46633, 46636
and 46637 of 2025

and

W.M.P.Nos.51698, 51700, 51703, 51704, 51711, 51713, 52003, 52004,
52009, 52011, 52014, 52015, 52021, 52023, 52025, 52026, 52028, 52029,
52031 and 52034 of 2025

W.P.No.46348 of 2025

Subhamalika R

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Under Secretary for Government of India,
Staff Selection Commission
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department and Personnel and Training,
Block No.12, CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road,
New Delhi – 110 003.

2. Regional Director (Southern Region),
Staff Selection Commission,
nd
2 Floor, EVK Sampath Building,
DPI Campus, College Road,
Chennai, Tamil Nadu – 600 006.



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3. The Director General
CRPF (Recruitment Branch)
East Block 07, Level – 4
Sector 01, R.K.Puram,
New Delhi – 110 066.

4. Second in Command
(IRLA-6065) RANGE: BLR, CRPF
Presiding Officer of PET/PST Board,
Rectt of CT/GD – 2025
In CAPFs, SSF and Assam Rifles
Rectt. Centre: GC, CRPF, Avadi.

... Respondents

Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records of the fourth respondent dated 01.09.2025 relating to the petitioner Roll No.8202000709 with recruitment for the post of Constable (GD) in CRPF, quash the same as null and void and consequently direct the fourth respondent to conduct a fresh Physical Efficiency Test (PET) for the petitioner for the post of Constable (GD) in CRPF in any date that may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Shunmugarajeswaran

For Respondents : Mrs.R.Suchitra,
Central Government Standing Counsel



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COMMON ORDER

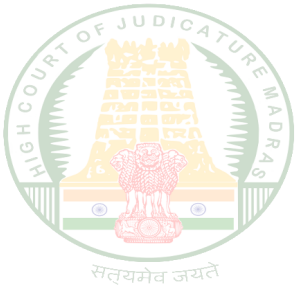
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These writ petitions have been filed challenging the Physical Efficiency Test (hereinafter referred to as 'the PET') rejection slip and Physical Standards Test (hereinafter referred to as 'the PST') rejection slip during Central Reserve Police Force Recruitment 2025.

2. Heard the learned counsel for both sides and perused the materials available on record.

3. It is seen that some of the persons who had participated in PST/PET of the Central Reserve Force Recruitment 2025, had filed writ petitions before this Court challenging the rejections slips in respect of the same CRPF recruitment 2025. This Court on hearing the submissions of the learned counsel appearing on either side and on perusal of all the relevant records, passed a detailed order in a batch of writ petitions in WP.No.33420 of 2025, etc, batch dated 28.10.2025 thereby quashing the rejection slips with certain directions to the respondents. The relevant portion of the aforesaid order is extracted hereunder:

“19. All the petitioners were issued PST/PET rejection slips since they were not qualified in the race and



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height. After qualifying in the CBE, they were subjected to the PST and PET. Though during the PET, there was no rain, on the previous day, there was heavy rain in Avadi. Therefore, the entire ground was filled with water. After draining the water, the running track was filled with M-sand to conduct the PET. On seeing the videograph produced by the petitioners as well as the respondents, it clearly shows that there was water stagnation on the running track itself.

20. Though the running track was filled with M-sand, there was slipperiness and mud. At a time, if 50 or 100 candidates were directed to run, there will be pushing and pulling of each other, and there will be clashes due to the slippery and wet ground. Therefore, they had to run one by one, and as such, the race was not conducted on a standard ground. As per the guidelines, Clause 6.4(xvii), the respondents must ensure to provide a suitable ground for the race. On seeing the videograph, it reveals that the ground in which the PET was conducted was not suitable for the race, since there was rain due to which there was water stagnation. Therefore, the petitioners who failed to complete the race of 5000 meters within the stipulated time can be given one more opportunity.

21. Insofar as the PST is concerned, on perusal of the records produced by the petitioners, it is revealed that some



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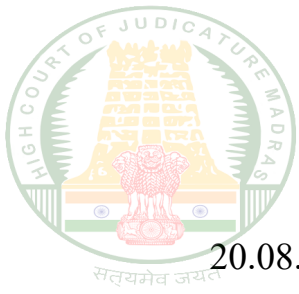
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of the petitioners who had participated in the recruitment for the very same post had their height measured and were qualified in the PET. Further, now their height is not qualified. Even according to the respondents, during the last recruitment process, the height was measured manually. This time, digital equipment was used to measure the height of the candidates. Therefore, there is a difference. Though the PST rejection slip provides for an appeal before the Appellate Authority on the same day, the appeals made by the petitioners were not considered by the respondents. Therefore, the petitioners who were not qualified in the PST may also be given one more opportunity for PST.

22. In view of the above, the impugned PST and PET rejection slips cannot be sustained and are liable to be quashed. Accordingly, the impugned orders in these writ petitions are hereby quashed...”

4. Therefore, the same order can be passed in these writ petitions. Accordingly, the impugned PST and PET rejection slips are hereby quashed, and this Court issues the following directions:-

(i) The respondents are directed to conduct a fresh PST and PET for the male petitioners who had completed 13 laps in the PET conducted from



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(ii) The respondents are directed to conduct a fresh PST and PET for female petitioners who completed 4 laps in the PET from 20.08.2025 to 03.09.2025.

(iii) The respondents are directed to conduct a fresh PST for the petitioners who challenged the PST rejection slip alone.

(iv) It is made clear that the petitioners who had not completed 13 laps in the male category and 4 laps in the female category are not eligible for a fresh PET for the post of Constable (GD) in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and SSF, Rifleman (GD) in Assam Rifles, and Sepoy in the Narcotics Control Bureau - Examination 2025.

(v) It is also made clear that the fresh PST and PET shall be conducted after completion of the rainy season, following the guidelines, and the respondents must ensure to provide suitable grounds for the race.

(vi) The respondents shall conduct the PST with approved digital machinery to measure the correct height of the petitioners.

(vii) It is made clear that the respondents are directed to verify those who were issued PST/PET rejection slips with their records, and only those



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who challenged the rejection slip before this Court are permitted to go for a fresh PST/PET.

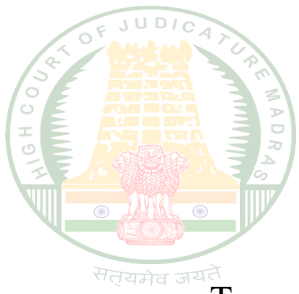
5. In the result, these Writ Petitions stand allowed as indicated above.

Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petitions are closed. No costs.

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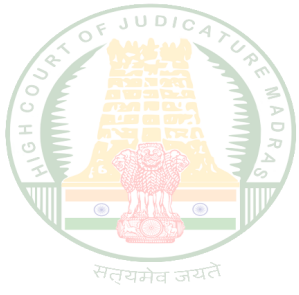
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