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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 14-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.SENTHILKUMAR

WP No. 45996 of 2025

AND

WMP NO. 51290 OF 2025, WMP NO. 51292 OF 2025

P.Vidhya Shree
D/o.R.Pandurengan,
B3, Geethalaya Apartments,
Neelakanda Metha Street,
T.Nagar, Chennai- 600 017.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission
Rep by its Secretary TNPSC Road, Park
Town, Chennai- 600 003.

2.The Controller of Examinations
Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission,
TNPSC Road, Park Town, Chennai- 600 003.

3.The Secretary To Government
Home (Courts) Department Secretariat,
Fort St. George, Chennai- 600 009.

4.The Registrar General
High Court, Chennai-600 104.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ of certiorarified mandamus to call for the records of the respondents 1 and 2 in connection with the publication of the final list of selected candidates for appointment to the post of Civil Judge in T.N.State Judicial service pursuant to the Notification No.12/ 2023 dated 01.06.2023 and quash the same insofar as it relates to the non- selection of the petitioner and to direct



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the respondents to re-evaluate the answer book of the petitioner in respect of Law Paper I and Award appropriate marks and consequently, select and appoint the petitioner as Civil Judge in the Tamil Nadu Judicial Service and to send the petitioner for training and grant all consequential service and monetary benefits.

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.P.H.Arvinth Pandian,
Senior Counsel
for Mr.B.Vikram Veerasamy

For Respondent(s):

Mr.R.Bharanidharan,
Standing Counsel for TNPSC for R1 & R2,

Dr.R.Gouri, Government Counsel for R3,

Mr.S.John J.Raja Singh, Standing Counsel for R4

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by S.M.Subramaniam J.)

The Writ on hand has been instituted challenging the recruitment notification No.12 of 2023 dated 01.06.2023 for appointment to the post of Civil Judge in Tamil Nadu State Judicial Service and to direct the respondents to re-evaluate the answer book of the petitioner in respect of Law Paper I and award appropriate marks and consequently, select and appoint the petitioner as Civil Judge in the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Service.

2.In pursuance of the recruitment notification, the petitioner participated in the process of selection. She has scored 254 marks in total. However, according to the respondents the last candidate selected under the BC (OBCM) category scored 265 marks. The learned counsel for the TNPSC



would submit that BC(W) and BC(OBCM) are one and the same. Since the writ petitioner was not within the zone of consideration, her name was not included in the reserve list.

3.The learned senior counsel, Mr.P.H.Arvinth Pandian appearing on behalf of the writ petitioner would submit for certain questions, zero marks were awarded, which is incorrect. The petitioner was confident about the answers written by her in the written examination and a perusal of answer sheet would show that awarding of zero marks to those questions are improper. He would further submit that in respect of another candidate, this Court granted relief in WP No.33671 of 2024 on 18.02.2025. Even if marks are awarded to those questions, the petitioner will not come under the zone of consideration.

4.This Court is of the considered view that Clause 21(c) of the recruitment notification dated 01.06.2023, clearly stipulates that “request for re-evaluation and re-totalling of marks in the answer sheets ofr the preliminary examination and main examination will not be entertained”. Therefore re-evaluation or re-totalling cannot be undertaken either by the recruiting authorities or by the High Court.

5.Pertinently, the selection process concluded in the year 2023 and the writ petition came to be instituted in the year 2025, after the lapse of two years



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and on completion of the selection and appointment process in its entirety, the grounds raised regarding awarding of zero marks is neither candid nor convincing. This Court has considered the arguments in this regard and found that there is no merit. The Registrar General filed a counter affidavit, wherein paragraph 11 reads as under:

“11.1 respectfully submit that the claim of the Petitioner that she requires a mere 2.5 marks to cross the cut-off and secure her rightful place in the list of selected candidates is not legally sustainable. As per S.No.13 of the Notification, Clause “Preparation of Selection List”, the candidates were shortlisted on the basis of the total marks obtained by them in the main examination and in the viva-voce and were appointed on pure merit basis. Further the last of the candidate who has been selected under BC(W) had scored 265 & even assuming that the 2.5 marks claimed by the petitioner is added she would not come within the zone of selection”

6.In view of the facts and circumstances, the petitioner has not established any right for grant of relief sought and accordingly, the Writ Petition stands dismissed. No costs. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petitions are closed.

(S.M.S.,J.) (N.S.,J.)
14-07-2026

Index: Yes
Speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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