

WMP(MD)Nos.19577 of 2025 and 22440 of 2025
in W.P.(MD)Nos.2314 of 2025 and 6400 of 2025

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

Dated : 16.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

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in

W.P.(MD)Nos.2314 of 2025 and 6400 of 2025

WMP(MD)No.19577 of 2025

in WP(MD)No.2314 of 2025

1. The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by its Secretary to Government,
Revenue and Disaster Management Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.

2. The Commissioner of Revenue Administration,
Chepauk,
Chennai.

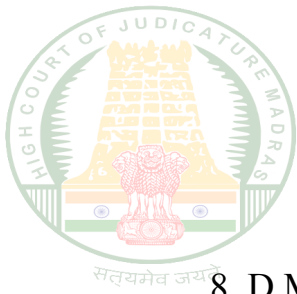
3. The District Collector,
Madurai District.

... Petitioners/
Respondents 1 to 3

Vs

1. J.Karthikeyan
2. R.Manikandan
3. S.Pratheeba
4. G.Mohansundar
5. V.Veeramurugan
6. M.Gomathi
7. M.Meenakshisundaram

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8. D.M.Senthilkumar
9. B.Esaki Muthukumar

... Respondents 1 to 9/
Petitioners

10. Mughi Balan
11. M.R.Muthulakshmi
12. A.Nagarani

... Respondents 10 to 12/
Respondents 4 to 6

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to vacate the order of interim injunction granted in WMP(MD)No.1657 of 2025 in W.P.(MD)No.2314 of 2025 dated 28.01.2025.

For Petitioners : Mr.M.Ajmalkhan,
Additional Advocate General
assisted by
Mr.G.V.Vairam Santhosh,
Additional Advocate general

For Respondents
1 to 9 : Mr.G.Sankaran,
Senior Counsel
for M/s.K.Hemakarthiskeyan

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in WP(MD)No.6400 of 2025

1. State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by its Additional Chief Secretary
to Government,
Revenue and Disaster Management Department,
Chennai – 600 009.
2. Additional Chief Secretary to Government/
Commissioner of Revenue Administration,
Chepauk,
Chennai – 600 005.



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3. District Collector,
Kanniyakumari District,
District Collectors Office,
Nagercoil.

4. District Revenue Officer,
Kanniyakumari District
@ District Collectors Office,
Nagercoil.

.... Petitioners/
Respondents 1, 2, 4 and 5

vs.

1. S.Ganesh Kumar
2. S.Sherinba Bheevi
3. M.Jemi
4. C.Arul
5. M.Shanthi
6. Shamila Banu
7. R.L.Bindhukumari
8. J.Jacquelin
9. Nalini
10. B.Sutharsan
11. S.Satheesh

... Respondents 1 to 11
/Petitioners 1 to 11

12.Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission,
Rep. by its Chairman,
TNPSC Road, Park Town,
VOC Nagar, Chennai – 600 033.

13. N.Aruna Maheswari
14. N.Manikandan
15. N.Rukkumani
16. R.Durga Raveendran

... Respondents 12 to 16
/ Respondents 3, 6 to 9



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Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to vacate the order of interim stay granted in WMP(MD)No.6400 of 2025 and WMP(MD)No.4705 of 2025 dated 03.07.2025.

For Petitioners : Mr.M.Ajmalkhan,
Additional Advocate General
assisted by
Mr.G.V.Vairam Santhosh,
Additional Advocate general

For Respondents
1 to 11 : Mr.T.Lajapathi Roy,
Senior Counsel
for Mr.I.Pinaygash

COMMON ORDER

These writ petitions are filed as against the revision of panel for the post of Deputy Tahsildar based on communal roster.

2. This Court, while entertaining W.P.(MD)No.2314 of 2025, granted an order of interim injunction on 28.01.2025. Now, the respondents 1 to 3 in W.P.(MD)No.2314 of 2025 have filed a petition in WMP(MD)No.19577 of 2025, to vacate the order of interim injunction granted by this Court on 28.01.2025.



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3. In W.P.(MD)No.6400 of 2025, this Court has also granted an order of interim stay on 03.07.2025. In order to vacate this interim stay, the respondents 1, 2, 4 and 5 in W.P.(MD)No.6400 of 2025 have filed a petition in WMP(MD)No.22440 of 2025.

4. The learned Additional Advocate General, by referring to Rule 6 of the Tamil Nadu Revenue Subordinate Service Rules, submitted that the appointment of Deputy Tahsildar shall be made only by following the rule of reservation. He also referred to the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Government of Tamil nadu and another vs. Registration Department SC/ST and M.B.C. Employees General Welfare Sangam and another***, reported in ***2018 SCC Online SC 3867*** and submitted that the Hon'ble Supreme Court has also reiterated this position that the rule of reservation has to be followed as per the Tamil Nadu Revenue Subordinate Service Rules on the appointment of Deputy Tashildar. Therefore, according to him, the earlier panel, which was already prepared for the post of Deputy Tahsildar on the basis of merit, was revised by the impugned panel, applying the communal reservation. It is



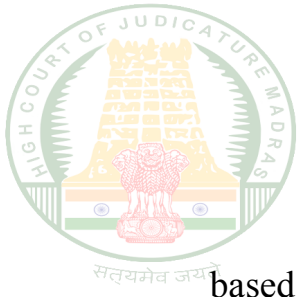
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also reported that for non-compliance of the interim order, a contempt petition has been filed by the writ petitioners and the same is pending before this Bench.

5. The petitioners are affected by the revision of the seniority list. This revision of the seniority list has been made as per Rule 6 of the Tamil Nadu Revenue Subordinate Service Rules and as directed by the Hon'ble supreme Court in ***Government of Tamil nadu and another vs. Registration Department SC/ST and M.B.C. Employees General Welfare Sangam and another, reported in 2018 SCC Online SC 3867.*** However, while revising the seniority, the respondents have taken the backlog vacancies for SC/ST category. Therefor, the seniority ranking of the petitioners are affected. In this regard, the learned Additional Advocate General seeks for a short accommodation to get clarification from the Government.

6. Considering the rival submissions made, the interim order already granted is modified as an order of status quo and the respondents shall justify their stand on fixing the seniority list



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based on the backlog vacancies also.

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7. For response of the respondents, post the matters finally on
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