



W.P. No. 12141 of 2023

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS**

**DATED : 26.04.2023**

**CORAM**

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE P.D. AUDIKESAVALU**

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**and**

**W.M.P. Nos. 11979, 11981 and 11982 of 2023**

B. Sagayaraj

... Petitioner

-vs-

The Secretary,  
Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission,  
620, Frazer Bridge Road, Esplanade,  
George Town, Chennai,  
Tamil Nadu – 600 001.

... Respondent

**Prayer:-** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, 1950, praying to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the impugned proceedings of the Respondent published in the official website on 24.03.2023 in denying to evaluate the Petitioner's answer sheet for the exam conducted on 24.07.2022, for the Combined Civil Services Examination (Group IV) for various posts in all over Tamil Nadu, vide notification No. 07 of 2022, dated 30.03.2022, and quash the same as Arbitrary, illegal and non est in the eye of Law and consequently direct the Respondent to evaluate the Petitioner's answer sheet and publish the result.



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For Petitioner : Mr. Thamarai Selvan  
for Mr. M.Manimaran

For Respondent : Mrs. G.Hema, Standing Counsel

## ORDER

Heard Mr. Thamarai Selvan, Learned Counsel for the Petitioner and Mrs. G.Hema, Learned Standing Counsel appearing for the Respondent and perused the materials placed on record, apart from the pleadings of the parties.

2. The Petitioner had appeared in the Combined Civil Services Examinations (Group-IV-Services) conducted on 24.07.2022 and it had been informed on 24.03.2023 in the official website of the Respondent that the answer-sheet of the Petitioner has been invalidated, which is assailed in this Writ Petition.

3. In furtherance to the order passed on 21.04.2023 by the Court, Learned Counsel appearing for the Respondent has produced the original copy of the OMR answer-sheet from which it is seen that the Question Booklet Number has not been shaded as required in the Clause 7 of the 'Instructions to Candidates' as extracted below:-



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“7. In Section-II, the Question Booklet Number should be written and the corresponding bubbles should be shaded. The Question Booklet shaded by you in the bubble will be treated as final. **If the Question Booklet number is not shaded, the Answer sheet will be invalidated. If the Question Booklet Number is incorrectly shaded or Question Booklet Number is not written in the space provided, 05 marks will be deducted from the total marks obtained by the candidate.**

பிரிவு-IIல் வினாத்தொகுப்பு எண்ணை சரியாக எழுதி  
அதற்குரிய வட்டங்களை நிரப்ப வேண்டும். நீங்கள் எந்த  
வட்டங்களை நிரப்பியுள்ளீர்களோ அதுவே இறுதியானதாகும்.  
வினாத்தொகுப்பு எண்ணிற்கான வட்டங்களை நிரப்பப்படாமல்  
விடுபட்டிருந்தால் உங்களது விடைத்தாள் செல்லாததாகக்கப்படும்.  
வினாத்தாள் தொகுப்பு எண் முறையற்று நிரப்பப்பட்டிருந்தால்  
(அல்லது) வினாத்தாள் தொகுப்பு எண் எழுதுவதற்காக  
வழங்கப்பட்ட கட்டங்களில் எழுதப்படவில்லையெனில், பெற்ற



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குறைக்கப்படும்.”

In view of the same, it is not possible to countenance the grievance ventilated by the Petitioner in this Writ Petition.

4. The original copy of the OMR answer-sheet has been returned to the Learned Counsel appearing for the Respondent after retaining a copy and she has also made endorsement to that effect in the court record.

In fine, the Writ Petition is dismissed. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petitions are closed. No costs.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

**Note: Issue order copy by 21.08.2023.**

To

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