

TNPSC keeps Group-1 aspirants guessing

For almost a year now, hundreds of aspirants of Group-I Services in the State are awaiting results of the main examination held by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (TNPSC) in June 2015. The delay is keeping these candidates on tenterhooks since they have no idea why the results are kept pending.

Sources in the TNPSC said the notification for 79 vacancies, including 33 posts of Deputy Superintendents of Police, was issued in December 2013 and the preliminary examination held seven months later. The results of the main examination held on June 5, 6 and 7 last year were not published due to various reasons.

In the meantime, the TNPSC notified the next round of Group-I Services to fill up 74 vacancies, including 19 posts of Deputy Collectors. "As a routine, we applied for these posts too. Many of those who qualified the previous year's preliminary examination have qualified this year as well. There is no clue when the results of the main examination will be published. With no other option, we are now preparing to write the main examination again," a candidate said.

Since many candidates were confident of their performance in the main examination and expecting to be shortlisted for interview, they skipped other competitive examinations. "For instance, the Union Public Service Commission notified recruitment for All India Services like IAS, IFS, IPS, etc in 2014 and 2015 and completed the entire process for both the years. Similarly, the recruitment for Indian Forest Service in the last two years was completed and results published. Since we were hopeful of getting through the Group-I services, we did not apply for those examinations," says another candidate. TNPSC officials parried questions when *The Hindu* tried to get their response. Some candidates who got in touch with this correspondent said the maximum age limit for Forward Community candidates was 30 years while the same was 35 years in the case of others. Those who took the 2014/15 examination on the verge of reaching the upper age limit were the worst hit, they said.