

HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

MAIN CASE No: W.A.No.650 of 2024

PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl. No.	Date	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
15.	07.01.2026	<u>HCJ (AKrS,J) & GMM,J</u> Mr. P.S.Rajasekhar, learned Standing Counsel for Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC) appears for the appellant. Mr. Vedula Srinivas, learned Senior Counsel representing Ms. Vedula Chitralekha, learned counsel, appears for respondent No.1/writ petitioner. Ms. Shalini, learned Government Pleader for Services-II appears for respondent No.2. The Telangana Public Service Commission (hereinafter referred to as 'the Commission') is aggrieved by the order dated 08.11.2023 passed in W.P.No.27533 of 2023 wherein they have been directed to treat respondent No.1/writ petitioner as a local candidate of Telangana area in view of his acquiring minimum educational qualification in the State of Telangana area. If he is found eligible as per merit, then to consider his case for appointment to the post of Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE). The issue in this appeal revolves around whether the writ petitioner who has studied from Class VII up to B.Tech in the State of Telangana is to be treated as a local candidate under Para 7 of the G.O.Ms.No.124 dated 30.08.2018. Learned Standing Counsel for the Commission submits that the writ petitioner has not challenged the	

		definition or explanation to Para 7 which defines ‘Local Candidate’. The challenge to the Explanation thereto is pending in W.P.Nos.3197 of 2023 and batch. Learned counsel for the rival parties have debated on the meaning of the expression “whichever is lower” used under clause (ii)(b) of the Explanation to Para 7. Learned counsel for the writ petitioner submits that leaving aside the issue on the question of local candidate, writ petitioner would otherwise qualify in the criteria under Para 7 Clause 2(a)(i) of the G.O.Ms.No.124 dated 30.08.2018, which reads as under: “(2)(a)(i) If he has studied in educational institutions in the State for a period of not less than seven consecutive academic years ending with the academic year in which he appeared or as the case may be, first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination be regarded as a local candidate in relation to- (A) Such local area where he has studied for the maximum period out of the said period of seven years; or (B) Where the periods of his study in two or more local areas are equal, such local areas where he has studied last in such equal periods.” Since he has studied from Class VII till B.Tech exam i.e., a period of more than seven consecutive academic years till he appeared in the qualified exam of B.Tech for being eligible for appointment to the post of Assistant Executive Engineer under the recruitment Notification No.12 of 2022, he fulfils the criteria of ‘Local Candidate’.	
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		Learned Standing Counsel for the Commission is allowed time to examine the claim of the writ petitioner in the light of the aforesaid provision of the G.O.Ms.No.124 dated 30.08.2018. The matter is adjourned for three weeks. _____ HCJ (AKrS,J) _____ GMM,J KL	
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