



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.R.KRISHNA KUMAR

WRIT PETITION NO. 4240 OF 2025 (S-RES)

BETWEEN:

1. SRI JADISWAMI
S/O VENKOBHA POLICE PATIL
AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS
NOW R/AT NO.159
3RD MAIN, 3RD CROSS
MANJUNAH NAGAR
RAJAJINAGAR
BANGALORE - 560 010

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. RANGANATHA S. JOIS, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE KARNATAKA EXAMINATION AUTHORITY
18TH CROSS, MALLESHWARAM
BENGALURU - 560 003
2. THE MANAGING DIRECTOR
KARNATAKA URBAN WATER SUPPLY AND
SEWERAGE BOARD, JALBHAVAN
NO.6, FIRST FLOOR, 1ST PHASE
BTM LAYOUT
BANNNERGHATTA ROAD
BANGALORE - 560 029

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. N.K. RAMESH, ADVOCATE FOR R1

SMT. SUMANGALA GACHCHINAMATH, ADVOCATE FOR R2)

THIS W.P. IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO CALL FOR ENTIRE RECORDS
RELATING TO THE NOTIFICATION DATED 18/1/2025 IN NO.
KAJAMA/HRD/NE.NE/1295/2024-25 PASSED BY THE 2ND RESPONDENT



VIDE ANNEXURE-G PERUSE THE SAME AND DECLARED THE NON CONSIDERATION OF THE CLAIM OF THE PETITIONER FOR THE POSTS OF ASSISTANT ENGINEERS (CIVIL) IN THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED QUOTA OF ST AND HK CATEGORY, AS BEING ARBITRARY, ILLEGAL AND VIOLATIVE OF ARTICLE 14 AND 16(1) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA AND THE PRINCIPLES OF RESERVATION.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.R.KRISHNA KUMAR

ORAL ORDER

In this petition, the petitioner seeks the following reliefs.

"a) CALL for entire records relating to the notification dated 18/1/2025 in No. KalaMa/HRD/Ne.Ne/1295/2024-25 passed by the 2nd Respondent vide Annexure-G PERUSE the same and declared the non consideration of the claim of the Petitioner for the posts of Assistant Engineers (Civil) in the Physically Handicapped quota of ST and HK category, as being arbitrary, illegal and violative of Article 14 and 16(1) of the Constitution of India and the principles of reservation;

b) ISSUE a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the Respondents to consider the claim of the Petitioner under the Physically Handicapped quota reserved for ST and Hyderabad Karnataka and to issue order of appointment as expeditiously as possible by verifying the records and with all consequential benefits;



c) PASS such other orders as this Hon'ble Court deems it appropriate in the ends of justice, in the interest of justice and equity."

2. When the matter came up before this Court on 11.08.2025, the following interim order was passed.

"ORAL ORDER ON IA Nos.1 & 2 OF 2025

I.A.No.1/2025 is filed seeking dispensation of production of original/certified copy of Annexure-G.

Perused the affidavit filed in support of the application.

For the reasons stated in the accompanying affidavit, production of the original/certified copy of Annexure-G is dispensed with for the present, subject to the condition that same shall be furnished within a period of four weeks.

Application stands disposed of.

IA No.2/2025 is filed seeking a direction.

The case of the petitioner is that, in respect of the Assistant Engineer, one post each are reserved for Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, 2A and General Merit in the physically handicapped quota. The petitioner belongs to Scheduled Tribe, Physically Handicapped quota. Even though the petitioner is entitled to be appointed under the said quota, no candidate has been appointed in the said quota. Therefore, the petitioner is seeking a direction to keep one post of physically handicapped Scheduled Tribe, vacant.

None appears for the respondents and the respondents have not filed objections.



In view of the above, the respondents are directed to keep one post of physically handicapped Scheduled Tribe, vacant, till the next date of hearing."

3. Though several contentions have been urged by both sides without expressing any opinion on the merits / de-merits of the rival contentions, I deem it just and appropriate to dispose of the present petition directing respondent No.2 to address the grievance of the petitioner and take appropriate decisions / appropriate orders in accordance with law pursuant to the representation/claim submitted and in terms of notification at Annexure - A dated 05.02.2024 within a period of two months from the date of receipt of copy of this order till the concerned respondents take appropriate decisions / take appropriate orders as stated supra, the aforesaid interim order dated 11.08.2025 shall continue in force and remain and operate between the parties.

4. Accordingly, the petition is ***disposed of***.

Sd/-
(S.R.KRISHNA KUMAR)
JUDGE

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