

**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN AT
JODHPUR**

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 330/2026

Bhavesh Choudhary S/o Sh. Om Prakash Choudhary, Aged About
28 Years, Resident Of 4335, Digari Kallan, Ajmer Road, Jodhpur.

-----Petitioner

Versus

Rajasthan Public Service Commission, Ajmer Through Its
Secretary.

-----Respondent

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Priyanka Borana

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Khet Singh Rajpurohit

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANAND SHARMA

Order

16/04/2026

1. This writ petition has been filed by the petitioner with the
following prayer:-

"It is, therefore, humbly prayed that the record of
the case may kindly be called for and the writ
petition filed by the petitioner may kindly be
allowed and;

(I) issue an appropriate writ, order or direction,
including a writ in the nature of certiorari, quashing
and setting aside the impugned
communication/order dated 19.11.2025
(Annexure-2) issued by the respondent whereby
the candidature of the petitioner for the post of
Assistant Professor (College Education) Economics
pursuant to advertisement dated 22.06.2023
(Annexure-1) has been rejected.

(II). issue an appropriate writ, order or direction,
including a writ in the nature of mandamus,
directing the respondent to treat the petitioner's
M.Sc. (Agribusiness Economics) degree as a valid

and eligible Post Graduate qualification in Economics for the purpose of recruitment to the post of Assistant Professor (Economics);

(III) issue an appropriate writ, order or direction directing the respondent to consider the candidature of the petitioner for the post of Assistant Professor (Economics) pursuant Advertisement dated 22.06.2023 and permit the petitioner to participate in the interview/selection process, with all consequential benefits;

IV. in the alternative, and without prejudice, direct the respondent to provisionally allow the petitioner to appear in the interview for the post of Assistant Professor (Economics), subject to the final outcome of the present writ petition;

V. issue any other appropriate writ, order or direction which this Hon'ble Court may deem just and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case, in favour of the petitioner;

VI. award costs of the present writ petition in favour of the petitioner and against the respondent."

2. It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that petitioner submitted application form pursuant to the advertisement dated 22.06.2023 issued by the respondent-Rajasthan Public Service Commission, Ajmer, for recruitment on the post of Assistant Professor in different subjects. As per the petitioner, he applied for the post of Assistant Professor (Economics); however, his candidature has been rejected vide letter dated 19.11.2025 on the ground that the petitioner does not possess Post Graduation Degree in the required subject of Economics, hence, he is not eligible for participate in the

recruitment process for the post of Assistant Professor (Economics).

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner owns to his credit qualification of Master of Science in (Agribusiness Economics) from Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics which is a deemed university under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. It is submitted that even as per the list of the institutions issued by the University Grants Commission, which have been declared as deemed to be universities, name of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics finds place in the list. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submitted that the Post Graduation Degree in 'Agribusiness Economics' is equivalent to the Post Graduation Degree of Economics, hence, the respondent has committed serious error in rejecting the candidature of the petitioner. It is also submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that petitioner has already participated in the recruitment process and has otherwise secured sufficient marks, enabling him to participate in the interview process and the interviews are going to be completed on today itself, therefore, petitioner may be allowed to participate in the interview process.

4. The writ petition filed by the petitioner has been vehemently opposed by learned counsel for the respondent and submits that terms of advertisement are quite clear that the candidates applying for the post of Assistant Professor of particular subject is bound to possess Post Graduation Degree in that subject. He further submits that since the petitioner had applied for Assistant Professor (Economics), therefore, he was under an obligation to possess the degree in the subject of Economics from the

recognized university. He also submits that petitioner possesses Post Graduation Degree in the subject of 'Agribusiness Economics; whereas Agribusiness Economics is not considered to be subject of Economics faculty and is rather the sub-category of agriculture subject.

5. Learned counsel for the respondent has placed on record minutes of meeting dated 21.09.2022 by the Equivalence Committee of Government of Rajasthan in which recommendation with regard to equivalence of allied subjects/courses for new recruitment on the post of Assistant Professor, as per UGC Regulations, 2018 has been made and while relying upon such document, it has been submitted that the Equivalence Committee has also decided that Agribusiness Economics is not a subject of Economics but is a subject related to agriculture.

6. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

7. It is not a matter of dispute between the parties that as per the relevant Rules, for the purpose of being eligible to participate in the recruitment process for the post of Assistant Professor, the candidate was required to possess Post Graduation Degree in the relevant subject. Since, the petitioner had applied against the vacancy of Assistant Professor (Economics), he was bound to possess Post Graduation Degree in subject of Economics.

8. Admittedly, the petitioner has obtained the degree of Post Graduation in Agribusiness Economics. Submission made by learned counsel for the petitioner that such degree may be considered as equivalent, cannot be appreciated by this Court for the reason that this Court while exercising it's writ jurisdiction

under Article 226 of the Constitution of India cannot decide equivalence between two degrees/courses. It lies within the sole domain of the State Government. In the instant case, the Equivalence Committee of respondent-Government has considered the issue of equivalence of different degrees/courses in its meeting dated 21.09.2022. As per the decision of 21.09.2022, subject of Economics includes 'Applied Economics, Development Economics, Development Studies, Regional Economics, Financial Economics, Business Economics, Quantitative Economics, Econometrics and International Economics.'

9. Thus, subject of Agribusiness has not been included as a relevant subject of Economics.

10. In the same document, Agribusiness Economics and management has also been considered as allied/relevant subject of agriculture.

11. In view of the above, this Court finds that the petitioner was not possessing the requisite qualification of Post Graduation Degree in the subject of Economics. Hence, the respondent-RPSC has committed no mistake in rejecting the candidature of the petitioner vide letter dated 19.11.2025.

12. In view of the above, this writ petition is hereby dismissed.

13. All the pending application(s), if any, stand disposed of.

(ANAND SHARMA),J

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