

required to gain eligibility, appellant's candidature was rejected.

5. Paragraph 2(d) of the General Instructions applicable to the recruitment exercise provided for rounding off the measurement of height to the next higher digit if the difference is 0.5 cm or less.

6. Taking advantage of Para 2(d) (supra), the appellant invoked the writ jurisdiction of the High Court. The learned single judge following the said instruction held that it would apply to Physical Standard Test (PST) also and, therefore, it ordered that the appellant shall be entitled to the benefit of rounding off in terms of Para 2(d).

7. Aggrieved therewith, the respondent filed writ appeal which came to be allowed by the impugned order. The Division Bench took the view that Para 2 (d) would not apply at the stage of PST. Therefore, if a candidate is below 170 in height, even by less than 0.5 centimeter, he could

be screened out.

8. An identical issue came before us in Civil Appeal Nos. 4423-4426 of 2026 (*Union of India and Ors. Vs. Atul Kumar Verma and Ors.*) wherein the Union was in appeal against the order of the High Court where the benefit of rounding off was granted by the High Court. Dismissing the appeal of the Union, *vide* order dated 13.04.2026, we have held that the benefit of Clause 2(d) of General Instructions as found in Office Memorandum ("O.M.") dated 20.05.2015 shall be available to a candidate at the stage of PST also, and therefore, a candidate with height 169.5 cm or above would be treated as 170 cm in height.

9. Having regard to our earlier decision dated 13.04.2026, we deem it appropriate to set aside the impugned order and restore the judgment and order of the learned Single Judge.

10. The appeal is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

11. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

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New Delhi
April 30, 2026

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COURT NO.13

SECTION IV-C

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

PETITION(S) FOR SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL (C)
NO(S). 4221/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 20-11-2025 in WA No. 2932/2025 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Indore]

ARUN KALMODIYA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 31077/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 30-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The Appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order which is placed on the file.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

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