



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU**

**DATED THIS THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2026**

**PRESENT**

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE D K SINGH**

**AND**

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE T.M.NADAF**

**WRIT APPEAL NO. 5 OF 2024 (S-KSRTC)**

**BETWEEN:**

1. THE MANAGING DIRECTOR  
K.S.R.T.C.  
NO. 115, K.H. ROAD,  
SHANTHINAGAR,  
BANGALORE-560 027.
2. THE CHIEF PERSONNEL MANAGER  
(RECRUITMENT)  
K.S.R.T.C.  
NO. 115, K.H. ROAD,  
SHANTHINAGAR,  
BANGALORE-560 027.

...APPELLANTS

(BY Ms. H.R.RENUKA., ADVOCATE)

**AND:**

1. TUKARAM  
S/O. CHANDRA,  
AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS,  
R/O. GIRISH NAGAR,  
JAMAKHANDI TALUK,  
BAGALKOT DISTRICT.
2. STATE OF KARNATAKA  
REPRESENTED BY ITS  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,  
COLLEGE AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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signed by  
VASANTHA  
KUMARY B K  
Location:  
HIGH  
COURT OF  
KARNATAKA



DEPARTMENT,  
NO. 645, 6TH FLOOR, M.S. BUILDING,  
DR. AMBEDKAR VEEDHI,  
BANGALORE-560 001.

3. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT  
SKILL DEVELOPMENT ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
LIVELIHOOD DEPARTMENT,  
ROOM NO. 347, 3RD FLOOR, GATE NO.  
M.S. BUILDING, DR. AMBEDKAR VEEDHI,  
BANGALORE-560 001.

4. THE UNDER SECRETARY  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,  
M.S. BUILDING,  
DR. AMBEDKAR VEEDHI,  
BANGALORE-560 001.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. M.N.SUDEV HEGDE, AGA FOR R2 - R4;  
R1 SERVED AND UNREPRESENTED)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA  
HIGH COURT ACT, PRAYING TO ALLOW THIS APPEAL AND SET  
ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 13.04.2023 IN WP No.3573/2019 IN  
SO FAR AS IT RELATES TO THE PORTION OF THE ORDER  
DIRECTING TO CONSIDER THE CASE OF PETITIONER No.3 FOR  
APPOINTMENT IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY.

THIS APPEAL, COMING ON FOR FINAL HEARING, THIS  
DAY, JUDGMENT WAS DELIVERED THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE D K SINGH  
and  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE T.M.NADAF



**ORAL JUDGMENT**

(PER: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE D K SINGH)

The present intra Court appeal has been filed impugning the judgment and order dated 13.04.2023 passed by the writ Court in W.P.No.3573/2019 (S-KSRTC) by the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent herein and two others.

2. Despite the service of notice in the appeal, the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent is not represented to contest the appeal filed by the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (for short '**the Corporation**').

3. The appellant/Corporation had issued Notification dated 06.01.2016 calling upon eligible candidates for making selection and recruitment to the posts of non-Supervisory and Mechanical Department. The 1<sup>st</sup> respondent claiming to be eligible for appointment to the said post submitted application in pursuance to the said notification. The 1<sup>st</sup> respondent's name figured in the provisional list of the selected candidates. However, during verification of the documents, the Corporation rejected the claim of the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent herein on the ground that Diploma in Tool and Die Making technology provided by



the Government was not equivalent to the Diploma in Mechanical Engineering.

4. Smt. H.R. Renuka, learned counsel appearing for the appellants submits that the Notification dated 06.01.2016 calling applications from the eligible candidates for making recruitment would specifically provide that for the post of Assistant Storekeeper, the candidate must have passed 3 years Diploma in Mechanical or Automobile Engineering from the recognized Institution. The qualification prescribed was very specific, and it did not mention any equivalent qualification. Therefore, as per the Government Notification dated 18.03.2005 even if the Diploma in Tool and Die Making is to be treated as equivalent to Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, the same would not be of any benefit to the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent inasmuch as the qualifications were fixed i.e., three years Diploma in Mechanical Engineering or Automobile Engineering. Admittedly the 1st respondent did not have diploma either in Mechanical Engineering or Automobile Engineering and therefore, having Diploma in Tool and Die Making Technology would not make him qualify for the post. It is thus, submitted



that the impugned judgment and order is unsustainable and liable to be set aside.

5. When questioned, the learned counsel for the Corporation that as to whether the Corporation can ignore the direction for the Notification issued by the Government or the Corporation is bound by any direction or notification issued by the Government?

6. Learned counsel for the appellant does not dispute the fact that Corporation would be bound by any such direction as may be issued by the State Government. When the Government itself has clarified that Diploma in Tool and Die Making would be equivalent to the Diploma in Mechanical Engineering and Automobile Engineering, we do not find that the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent would not be qualified for the post of Assistant Store Keeper. Thus we **dismiss** this writ appeal.

7. The Corporation is directed to issue notice to the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent calling upon him to report to duty for the post of Assistant Store Keeper within a period of three weeks from the date of issuance of the notice. In case he does not report for duty, it would be deemed that he has abandoned the claim and



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not interested in joining the duty. In case the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent joins duty for the said post, he would be entitled for salary etc., from the date of reporting to duty.

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(D K SINGH)  
JUDGE**

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(T.M.NADAF)  
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