



IN THE HIGH COURT OF UTTARAKHAND AT NAINITAL
THE HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. MANOJ KUMAR GUPTA
AND

THE HON'BLE JUSTICE MR. SUBHASH UPADHYAY

Writ Petition (S/B) No.429 of 2026

9th July, 2026

Vijaypal Singh Bhandari

-----Petitioner

Versus

Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University and Others
 ----Respondents

Presence:-

Mr. Shobhit Saharia and Mr. Pankaj Tangwan, learned counsel for the petitioner.

Mr. Dr. K.H. Gupta and Ms. Irum Zeba, learned counsel for respondent nos.1 to 3.

JUDGMENT: (per Mr. Manoj Kumar Gupta C. J.)

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
2. The present writ petition has been filed praying for the following relief:

"I. Issue a writ, order or direction in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to permit the petitioner to participate in the interview for the post of Deputy Registrar.

*II. Issue a writ of **Certiorari** quashing the action of the respondents rejecting the petitioner's candidature.*

III. Issue a writ of Certiorari calling for the entire records of the Screening Committee, including the eligibility evaluation sheets, equivalence determination, marks, and the proceedings by which the service rendered as a Bank Probationary Officer was treated as equivalent for the purpose of shortlisting candidates for the post of Deputy Registrar.

IV. Issue any other order or direction, which this Hon'ble Court may deem, fit and proper under the facts and circumstances of the case in favour of the petitioner."



3. The brief facts are that the petitioner presently holds the post of Assistant Registrar in Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University. He was appointed on the said post on 08.03.2021, which is a Level-10 post.

4. The University has issued a recruitment notification dated 10.07.2025 in pursuance of which it seeks to fill up three posts (Leave Vacancy) of Deputy Registrar and one more post of Deputy Registrar on Deputation basis. The experience for the aforesaid posts are as follows:

Deputy Registrar	03 Posts (Leave Vacancy)	Five years' of administrative experience as Assistant Registrar or in an equivalent post
Deputy Registrar	01 Post (Deputation)	i) holding analogous post or ii) with three years regular service in Level-11 or iii) with eight years regular service in Level-10

5. The petitioner has submitted application for recruitment against the post of Deputy Registrar (Deputation) wherein, as noted above, the applicant should possess 8 years regular service in Level-10, which is not fulfilled by the petitioner. Thus, no case is made out to issue any mandamus directing the respondents to permit the petitioner to participate in the interview for the said post. The action of the University in declaring him ineligible for the said post cannot be doubted.



6. The third prayer made in the writ petition pertains to private respondent no.4 who also is a candidate for the post of Deputy Registrar. He has been called for interview, which is scheduled for today.

7. The case of the petitioner is that earlier upto year 2023 he had worked as Probationary Officer in a Bank and the University has wrongly extended him the benefit of past service while counting his experience for the post in question.

8. As the petitioner himself is not eligible for the post in question, therefore, he has no *locus* to raise any issue regarding ineligibility of the private respondent.

9. The petition is, consequently, dismissed for want of *locus* on the part of the petitioner to challenge the eligibility of the private respondent in the present proceedings.

10. Pending application, if any, also stands disposed of.

(MANOJ KUMAR GUPTA, C. J.)

(SUBHASH UPADHYAY, J.)

Dated: 09.07.2026

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