

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS
DATED: 05.02.2019

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THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM

WP.No.2381 of 2018
W.M.P.No.2894 of 2018

A.Madhanagopal

...Petitioner

Vs.

The Registrar
Annamalai University,
Annamalai Nagar,
Cuddalore District - 608002.

... Respondent

PRAYER

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of certiorari mandamus to call for the records of the respondent's impugned order in Memorandum No. C1-9/13129/2016 dated 22.11.2016 and quash the same consequently directing the respondent to consider the petitioner's request for redesignation as Assistant Professor.

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Saravana Vel

For Respondent : Mrs.T.P.Savitha

O R D E R

The present writ petition has been filed challenging the order dated 22.11.2016, rejecting the claim of the writ petitioner to redesignate the post of Special officer as Assistant Professor.

2. The writ petitioner was appointed as a Special Officer in the department of Distance Education in the year 2007. He was discharging his duties to the satisfaction of the respondent University without any blemish. The grievances of the writ petitioner is that he made a representation 04.08.2016 to the respondent University to redesignate the post of Special Officer as Assistant Professor, in view of the fact that the petitioner is fully qualified and eligible for such redesignation.

3. This Court is of the opinion that the redesignation of the post or cadre can never be claimed as a matter of right and redesignations are to be granted by taking administrative decision by the competent authorities. The writ petitioner is already working as a Special Officer in the University and the

salary and the service benefits are being paid to the writ petitioner by the respondent/University in respect of the post of Special Officer. Thus petitioner has no right to claim redesignation to be granted by the University. Redesignations are the policy decisions, which are to be taken on the administrative level and while redesignating the post of Special Officer as Assistant Professor, the case of the writ petitioner shall also be considered along with all other candidates who are all similarly placed and eligible for such redesignation. This being the factum the impugned order of rejection dated 22.11.2016 is well in accordance with the service jurisprudence and there is no infirmity as such.

4. Accordingly, this writ petition is dismissed. No Costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CS III)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

The Registrar
Annamalai University,
Annamalai Nagar,
Cuddalore District - 608002.

+1cc to Mr.J.Saravana Vel, Advocate, S.R.No.9974
+1cc to Mr.T.P.Savitha, Advocate, S.R.No.10102

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