

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 14.03.2019

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THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE D.KRISHNAKUMAR

W.P. No.25481 of 2014
& MP.No.1 of 2014

R.Nirmala Devi

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Secretary,
Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission,
Frazer Bridge Road,
V.O.C.Nagar,
Park Town,
Chennai-600 003.

2.The Principal Secretary to Government,
Environment & Forests Department,
Fort St. George,
Chennai-600 009.

3.The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Panagal Building,
Saidapet,
Chennai-600 015.

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petitions filed Under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to appoint the petitioner as Forest Apprentice under the category of Backward Class Woman (other than Muslim).

For Petitioner : Mr.Ramesh Ganapathy for
M/s.Mission Legal Advocates

For RR1 : Mr.M.Devendran

For RR2 & 3 : Mr.S.V.Vijay Prashanth

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By consent of both parties, this Writ petition is taken up for final disposal.

2. According to the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner had qualified in B.Sc. Zoology and M.Sc., Wild Life Biology from Bharathidasan University and he applied to the post of Forest Apprentice in the Tamil Nadu Forest Subordinate Service. Pursuant to the Resolution passed in 47th Equivalence Committee Meeting held on 04.03.2014, M.Sc., Wild Life Biology awarded by Bharathidasan University is not equivalent to B.Sc. degree in Forestry. The aforesaid resolution has been challenged by way of filing a batch of writ petitions by the similarly placed persons, but the same are pending seeking a decision on the aforesaid Government Order.

3. In view of the fact that already a batch of Writ Petitions are pending challenging the Government Order pertaining to the rejection of Equivalency of M.Sc. Wild Life Biology on par with B.Sc. Degree in Forestry, the prayer sought for by the petitioner in this Writ Petition cannot be granted. Hence, the Writ Petition is dismissed. However, the petitioner is at liberty to challenge the said Government Order. No Costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Assistant Registrar

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- 1.The Secretary,
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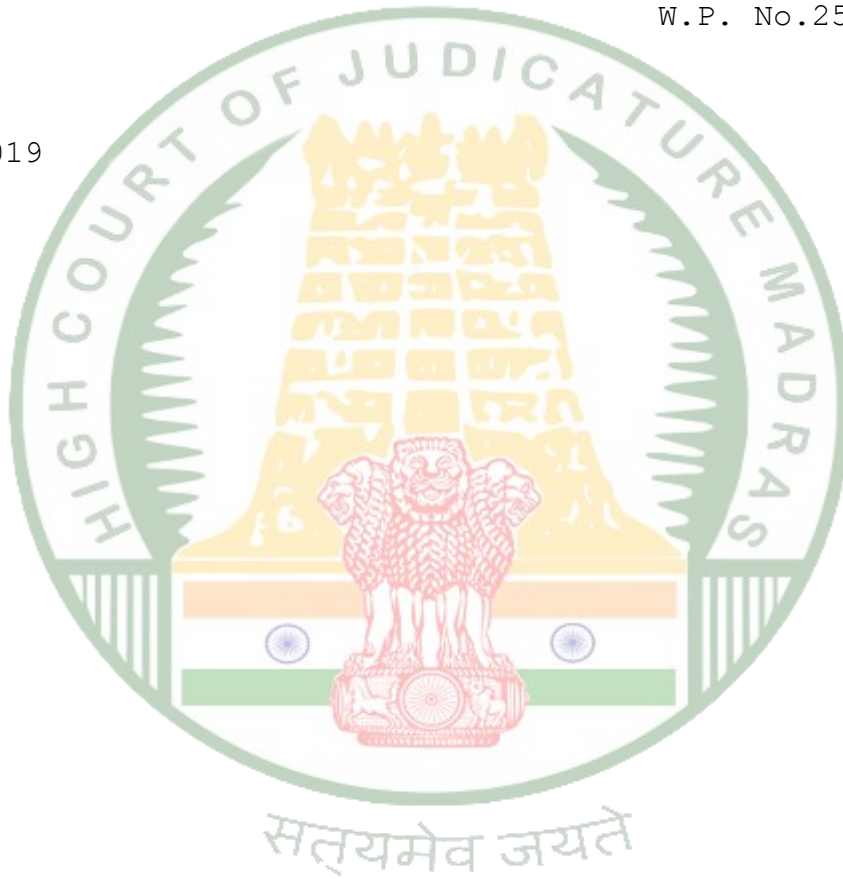
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