



respondents considering the acquittal on the grounds of "benefit of doubt" have inferred that it should be construed as the petitioner was involved in the criminal offence. The petitioner, immediately approached this Court, by way of Criminal Revisions in Crl.R.C.Nos.714 and 715 of 2011. This Court, after considering the facts and circumstances of the case, has made an observation that "it is only a finding of conviction that brings one dishonour. Conversely, once the finding is one of acquittal, it necessarily is an honourable one." With these observations, a direction was given to the respondents to read the words acquittal "on the grounds of benefit of doubt" as "one of honourable acquittal". Now that, the petitioner seeks appointment to the post of Grade II Police Constable, for which, he was otherwise found fit by the respondents.

3. It is true to state that the petitioner was otherwise qualified and his registration number has been included in the select list. The only impediment is that involvement in the criminal case and subsequent acquittal on the grounds of "benefit of doubt". Now that, this Court has declared that it should be read as "honourable acquittal" instead of "benefit of doubt" and therefore, there is no impediment for recruiting the petitioner.

4. It is also submitted that the petitioner is within the age limit for appointment to the post of Grade II Police Constable. In that event, the petitioner would be entitled to the relief sought for by him. The respondents are directed to consider the petitioner for appointment to the post of Grade II Police Constable, on the basis of the selection conducted for the year 2008-09 and pass appropriate orders, on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. The writ petition is ordered in the above terms. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CS VIII)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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2.The Chairman
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3.The Superintendent of Police
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