

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WPC(OA) No.1328 of 2015

**Ranjan Kumar Sahu &
Others**

....

Petitioners

-versus-

State of Odisha & Others

....

Opposite Parties

CORAM:

JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

ORDER

14.10.2022

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- 1.** This matter is taken up through Hybrid Mode.
- 2.** Heard Mr. S.K.Das, learned counsel for the Petitioners and Mr.M.K.Balabantaray, learned Standing Counsel for the State.
- 3.** The Petitioners are aggrieved by the rejection of their applications, wherein their selection as Physical Education Teacher pursuant to the advertisement issued under Annexure-2 on 27.10.2014 was rejected on the ground that the Petitioners have secured less than 45% mark in their +2 examination.
- 4.** Mr. S.K.Das, learned counsel for the Petitioners brought to the notice of this Court, the advertisement issued under Annexure-1, wherein the prescribed qualification for appointment to the post of Physical Education Teacher is indicated in Clause-(g). It is submitted that for selection to the post of PET the

Prescribed qualification is :-

+2 or its equivalent examination with minimum 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ST/OBC/SEBC candidates) and CPED from recognized Board/ University.

OR

Degree / Post Graduate Degree in Physical Education i.e. B.P.Ed / M.P.Ed. a (course prescribed by NCTE) from a recognized University / Institution.

(To ensure that untrained candidates will get the training within the stipulated period minimum percentage of marks is prescribed as per the guidelines of NCTE).

5. It is further submitted that a candidate who possess the qualification of Degree / Post Graduate in Physical Education, he is not required to secure any prescribed percentage of mark in his +2 examination.

6. A bare perusal of the said clause, nowhere indicates for a candidate with having Degree / Post Graduate in Physical Education i.e., B.P. Ed. / M.P.Ed for securing any percentage of mark in his +2 examination. This Court while issuing notice of the matter on 14.05.2015 has passed an interim order by allowing the Petitioners to take part in the selection process and it is further indicated that the result of the petitioners shall be kept in a sealed cover which shall be subject to final outcome of the matter.

7. A Counter Affidavit has been filed in Court today. Relying on the stand taken in the said counter, Mr.

Mohanty submitted that the minimum cut-off marks of 50% in the entry level academic qualification was prescribed by the State in the recruitment of teacher in 2014-2015 for the first time. This was done keeping in view similar prescriptions in Teacher qualifications prescribed by NCTE. It is accordingly submitted that since the Petitioners do not possess the required 50% mark in +2, their application have been rightly rejected.

8. Heard learned counsel for the Parties.

9. In the rejection list annexed vide Annexure-4 to the Writ Petition, the Petitioners' application were rejected on the ground that they have not secured 45% of mark in their +2 examination. But no such prescription is there in the advertisement issued under Annexure-1, for a candidate, who possesses the qualification of degree / Post Graduate degree in physical education. There is no dispute that the petitioners possesses the qualification of B.P.Ed. and the documents in support of that have been annexed vide Annexure-5-Series. Since there is no prescription to secure any percentage of mark in +2 examination for a candidate who possesses the qualification of B.P. Ed. / M.P.Ed, the rejection of the petitioners' application on the ground that they have not secured 45% of mark in +2 examination cannot be accepted.

10. Since pursuant the order passed by this Court, the Petitioners have been permitted to take part in the selection process and the same shall be subject to the

outcome of this writ petition, this Court while disposing the Writ Petition directs the District Education Officer- Opposite Party No.2 to open the sealed cover as directed by this Court and if it is found that the Petitioners are eligible for their appointment, then without insisting on the stipulation that they have not secured 45% of mark in +2 examination, provide them with the order of appointment. The entire exercise shall be completed within a period of three months from the date of receipt of this order.

11. The Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly.

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Judge

Subrat

