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By judgment dated 07.06.2023, the aforesaid writ appeal was dismissed by observing as follows:

"Thus, the rejection of the request for relaxation of the educational qualification assuming it permissible, is a matter of policy. It is trite law that policy matters would not be interfered with by Courts unless it is shown to be manifestly arbitrary, which is certainly not the case here. In any view, there is no challenge either to the qualification fixed under Rule 5 of the Special Rules for the Tamil Nadu Forest Subordinate Service Rules or the refusal to relax the qualification, the challenge is instead only to the ministerial / administrative act of appointing the appellant to the post of Forest Guard, to which he is not eligible as directed by the 1st respondent. Thus, we find that the reasons which weighed with the 1st respondent are sound and do not suffer from the vice of being perverse, hence, do not warrant any interference."

2. Thereafter, at the request of the learned counsel for the appellant, the matter was listed today, under the caption "for being spoken to".

3. The learned counsel for the appellant filed an additional affidavit dated 20.06.2023 and sought liberty to approach the authority concerned for any other relief.

4. Taking note of the averments made in the additional affidavit coupled with the submissions made by the learned counsel for the appellant, liberty is granted to the



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appellant to approach the authorities concerned for any other relief. Except the same, the judgment of dismissal dated 07.06.2023 passed in the writ appeal remains unaltered.

[R.M.D.,J.] [M.S.Q.,J.]
21.06.2023

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