



W.P.No.18442 of 2017

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 17.11.2023

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THE HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE V.BHAVANI SUBBAROYAN

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P.Amutha

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Director,
School Education Department,
DPI Campus,
College road,
Nungambakkam,
Chennai – 600 006.

2.Teachers Recruitment Board,
rep.by its Member Secretary,
DPI Campus,
College road,
Nungambakkam,
Chennai – 600 006.

... Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records of the impugned letter issued by the 2nd respondent of non selection of the petitioner for the post of Graduate Teacher (Social Science – History) dated



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30.06.2017 (Roll No.13TE35205957) and quash the same and consequentially direct the respondent to appoint the petitioner as Graduate Teacher (Social Science – History) forthwith.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.R.Jothimanian

For Respondents : Mr.L.S.M.Hasan Fizal.
Additional Government Pleader
for R1

Mr.R.Neelakandan,
Additional Advocate General
assisted by
Mr.R.Siddarth
Government Advocate for R2

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed to quash the impugned letter issued by the 2nd respondent of non selection of the petitioner for the post of Graduate Teacher (Social Science – History) dated 30.06.2017 (Roll No.13TE35205957) and consequentially direct the respondents to appoint the petitioner as Graduate Teacher (Social Science – History) forthwith.

2.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has completed the 10th Standard in the month of March 1996



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and thereafter, the petitioner has completed 12th Standard in the month of September 2007 and completed her B.Lit., in the month of May 2009. Thereafter, the petitioner was eligible to appear for TET Exam 2013 and successfully passed. Subsequently, the petitioner got the TET eligible certificate in the month of August 2013. Further, the petitioner has completed B.A. History and the same was registered as an Additional Degree with the 2nd respondent for his employment. Further, the petitioner has applied for Graduate Teachers (Social Science – History). Therefore, the petitioner was provisionally selected for the post of Graduate Teachers (Social Science – History) by the 2nd respondent on 31.05.2017. Thereafter, the petitioner appeared for certificate verification to be held on 10.06.2017. On 30.06.2017, the final selection list was published by the 2nd respondent for the said post and the petitioner was not selected and her rejection order was issued by the 2nd respondent with remarks stating that she simultaneously studied both higher secondary and B.Lit., in the same academic year. Hence, this Writ Petition.



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3.The learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the respondents would submit that the Board issued Notification No.3 of 2013 dated 22.05.2013 for the appointment to the post of Graduate Assistant for the year 2014 based on the eligible candidates of TNTET 2012 2013 and Special TET 2014 Paper II. Further, the Board released a Press news dated 31.05.2017, in its website by publishing a provisional list of candidates called for certification verification in the ratio 1:1 with subject wise vacancies and conducted certificate verification from 08.06.2017 to 10.06.2017 and provisional selection list published on 30.06.2017. The petitioner's name was not included in the selection list as she pursued both her HSC and B.Lit (Tamil) Degree simultaneously. Further, she applied for TNTET Paper – I for the year 2013 and called for certificate verification for the post of Graduate Assistant in 2014 based on TET marks. The educational qualification possessed by her while writing TET whereas HSC in the month of September 2007, B.Lit., in the month of May 2007 – 2009, B.Ed., in the year 2010 and B.A.History in the month of May 2016. It is



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pertinent to point out that clause 3 (a) and (b) of the Notification/Advertisement dated 22.05.2013 prescribed the educational qualifications to write TET. The relevant portion from the notification is extracted hereunder:

"Eligibility to write TET: Candidates should possess the following prescribed qualifications to write the Teacher Eligibility Test: Candidates who have passed Higher Secondary Course (10+2 Pattern) and Diploma in Teacher Education in a Recognized Teacher Training Institute / DIET and seeking an appointment as Teacher for classes I to V (except Visually impaired Candidates) can write Paper 1.

- Candidates who have passed a Bachelor's Degree (BA/B.Sc/B.Litt) with Tamil, English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, History and Geography or a Degree with any one of the equivalent subjects from a Recognized University under 10+2+3 Pattern and a Degree in Teacher Education (B.Ed.,) from a Recognized University and seeking an appointment as Teacher for classes VI to VIII can write Paper II.



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• Candidates appearing for the final year examination of D.T.Ed /B.Ed. during the current Academic year are also eligible to appear for the Teacher Eligibility Test."

4.Further, the petitioner has completed HSC in the month of September 2007, but started her B.Litt (Tamil) From May 2007 onwards, which was not a proper pattern of 10 + 2 + 3. Since the petitioner was ineligible for non possessing requisite educational qualification as per the Notification No.3/2013 dated 22.05.2013 for TET. She was not considered for selection.

5.Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and perused the papers.

6.On a perusal of the documents, it is seen that the Board issued Notification No.3 of 2013 dated 22.05.2013 for the appointment to the post of Graduate Assistant for the year 2014 based on the eligible candidates of TNTET 2012 - 2013 and Special TET 2014 Paper II. Thereafter, the



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respondents published a provisional list of candidates and called for certificate verification in the ratio 1:1 with subject wise vacancies and the provisional selection list was published on 30.06.2017. The petitioner's name was not included in the selection list as she pursued both her HSC and B.Litt (Tamil) Degree simultaneously. Further, the Board in the preamble dated 10.03.2017 provided the instructions for candidates in which column to update the details. It explicitly stated that both the eligible and Ineligible candidates cannot modify the First 9 and only the absentees can fill the Point No.7 viz., Subject studied in U.G. Degree and mark the said detail in Column No.14. The list of information that cannot be modified (Point No.1 to 9) by eligible and Ineligible candidates are stated hereunder:

1. Name of the Candidate
2. Gender
3. Roll No.
4. TET Marks
5. Optional Subject
6. Community



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7. Subject Studied in U.G. Degree
8. Language opted in TNTET Paper-II
9. Person Studied UG Degree & B.Ed. in Tamil Medium.

Further the Board strictly denoted that the candidates can update only their entries from Point Nos. 10 to 14. were as follows:

10. Date of Birth
- 11a. Have you acquired any additional UG Degree?
- 11b. Have you studied additional UG Degree & B.Ed in Tamil Medium?
12. PH (O) / VI (V) Reservation / N.A (Not Applicable)
- 13a. Whether studied B.Ed., as Special Education?
14. Mark Details

7.Further, the petitioner studied +2 in the month of September 2007, B.Litt, In the month of May 2007 – May 2009, B.Ed., in 2010 and B.A. (History) in May 2016. The petitioner was ineligible as per the prescribed qualification for the TET Paper -II on possessing HSC and B.Litt., (Tamil) Degree at the same academic year and acquired B.A. History in regular in 2016, after the submission of the application, on 22.05.2013. Therefore, the



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petitioner applied to the post of Graduate Teacher (Social Science – History) after submission of the application in the said post. Therefore, the petitioner is ineligible to the said post as per the rules in existence.

Accordingly, this Writ Petition is dismissed. No costs.

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Index : Yes/No
Speaking order: Yes/No
Neutral citation: Yes/No
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