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W.P No. 42149 of 2016

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 08.08.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR

W.P No. 42149 of 2016

and

WMP.No. 36062 of 2016

Dr. N.Pushparajan

..Petitioner

Vs

1. Government of Tamil Nadu

Rep by its Secretary,

Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai-600009.

2.Tamil Nadu Fisheries University

Rep by its Registrar,

Nagapattinam

..Respondents

Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a Writ of Declaration, declaring that the advertisement NO.1/2016 dated 16.09.2016 issued by the 2nd Respondent in so far as prescribing B.F.Sc. as basic degree as a qualification for the post of Assistant Professor (Fisheries Science) as illegal arbitrary and contrary to law and consequently direct the respondents to issue fresh advertisement inviting application for the post of Assistant Professor (Fisheries Science) by omitting the B.F.Sc. degree as basic qualification and by permitting the candidates with M.Sc. (Marine Biology) or M.Sc. (Coastal Aquaculture) to apply for the post of Assistant Professor (Fisheries Science) and thereafter proceed with the selection process.



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For Petitioner : Mr. Balan Haridas

For Respondents : Mr.C.Gauthamaraj, GA – R1
Mr.V.Vijayshankar - R2

ORDER

The captioned writ petition has been filed challenging the notification dated 16.09.2016 issued by the 2nd respondent, inviting applications for appointment to the post of Assistant Professor (Fisheries Science) in the 2nd respondent-University.

2. The main ground of challenge to the said notification is that candidates possessing M.Sc. (Marine Biology) or M.Sc. (Coastal Aquaculture) degree should also have been permitted to apply for the said post of Assistant Professor (Fisheries Science), for which a basic degree of B.F.Sc. was prescribed as a requisite qualification in the notification.

3. This Court cannot interfere with any recruitment notification unless there is any mala fide or illegality. Furthermore, the impugned notification is of the year 2016, and by this length of time, the entire selection process would have been completed.



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4. In view of the above, this Court is not inclined to grant the relief sought in the writ petition. Accordingly, the writ petition is dismissed as infructuous. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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Index : Yes/No

Internet : Yes/No

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To

1. The Secretary,
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and Fisheries Department,
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2. The Registrar,
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