MAHARASHTRA ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL NAGPUR BENCH NAGPUR ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 234/2015

Versus

- 1. The State of Maharashtra,
 Through its Principal Secretary,
 Water Resources Department,
 Room No.209/211, 2nd Floor,
 Main Mantralaya Building, Hutatma Rajguru
 Chowk, Madam Kam Marg,
 Deptt. Of Higher and Technical Education,
 Mantralaya, Mumbai.
- Adhikshak Bhiyanta,
 Nagpur Patbhandhare Vibhag,
 Nagpur Patbhandhare Mandal,
 Sinchan Seva Bhavan,
 Civil Lines, Nagpur.
- 3. Sahayak Adhikshak Abhiyanta, Nagpur Patbhandhare Vibhag, Nagpur Patbhandhare Mandal, Sinchan Seva Bhavan, Civil Lines, Nagpur.
- 4. Shri Sukesh Nivrutti Wankhede, Aged 39 yrs.

R/o At Po : Andhera, Tah. Deulgaon Raja, Distt. Buldhana.

- Respondents.

- 1. Shri S.C. Gupta, Advocate for the applicant.
- 2. Shri A.M. Ghogare, Presenting Officer for the Respondent No.1.
- 3. Shri S.C. Deshmukh, Advocate for R/2 and 3.
- 4. None for R/4.

CORAM: B. Majumdar: Vice Chairman

and

S.S. Hingne: Member (J)

DATE: 14th January, 2016

ORDER

PER VICE-CHAIRMAN

The applicant is aggrieved that he has not been selected for the post of Watchman (Group-D). Sometime in 2013, the Chief Engineer, Gosikhurd Irrigation Project and the Regional Selection Committee, Nagpur published an advertisement, vide which, *inter alia*, 55 posts of Peons were to be filled up. These included 1 from the category of SC (Ex-Serviceman). The applicant applied from that category. He scored 83 in the written test. Respondent no. 4, Sukesh

Nivrutti Wankhede, as per records produced before us, also applied from SC (Ex-Serviceman) and he scored 95. As per the select list dtd. 24/12/2014 published on the website of the Irrigation Department, R/4 is selected from the category of SC (Ex-Serviceman). The applicant has challenged the authenticity of this list.

- 2. The applicant submits that as per the list received by him under RTI from the Asstt. Superintending Engineer, Nagpur (R/3) he is considered from the category of SC (ExServiceman) and Respondent no. 4 from SC (Open). Hence Respondent no. 4 is wrongly selected in the impugned select list from the category of SC (Ex-Serviceman).
- 3. No reply has been filed by any of the respondents.
- 4. Shri S.C. Gupta, the ld. Counsel for the applicant relied on the two "selects lists" (Annexure-A-3 and Annexure-A-12) and submitted that Respondent no. 4 belongs to the Open category and hence he could not have been selected

from SC and the applicant, having scored highest among SC (Ex-Serviceman) candidates should have been selected.

- Shri A.M. Ghogare, the Id, P.O. for the R/1 and Shri S.C. Deshmukh, the Id. Counsel for R/2 and R/3 vehemently opposed the O.A. by submitting that the applicant has not substantiated his averment that the Respondent no. 4 had applied from Open (Ex-Serviceman). Relying on the application form of R/4, they stated that he had applied as an SC (Ex-Serviceman). As he had scored 95 and the applicant has scored 83, he had been selected against the only post of SC (Ex-Serviceman).
- 6. We find that the applicant relies on the list at Annexured-A-3, which he has purportedly received from the Respondent no. 3 under RTI vide his letter dtd. 25/11/2014 (Annxure-A-2). We find that the statement accompanying the letter shows that Respondent no. 4 is at Sr. No. 115 and while he belongs to SC, he is selected from Open (ExServiceman). However, the above letter of Respondent No. 3

also states that " सरळ सेवा भरती २०१३ (गट-ड) माजी सैनिक उमेदवारांची निवड यादी तयार करण्याची प्रक्रिया सुरू आहे." Hence the Respondent no. 3 could have, supplied the officially approved and final select list along with this letter. The applicant himself stated that the final select list was published on the website on 24/12/2014. Thus, we cannot accept the list at Annexure-3 as one which represents the officially approved select list. The applicant also relies on the similar list at Annexure-12, which he had received from the Respondent no.3 under RTI vide his communication dtd. 5/2/2015. In this list Respondent no. 4 is shown at Sr. No. 115. It also shows that he belongs to SC and selected from the category of Ex-Serviceman. It does not state as to which vertical (Social) category to which R/4 belongs. Hence we doubt the correctness of this list also.

7. To verify if Respondent No. 4 had applied from the category of SC, as per our direction the ld. Counsel for R/2 and 3 had produced before us a copy of his application form. On perusal of this form, we find that he had applied from the category of SC as Ex-Serviceman. Hence, from

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documents produced by the applicant and the averments made by him, we find that substantiated his allegation that Respondent no. 4 had applied from the category of Open (Ex-Serviceman) and not SC (Ex-Serviceman). The application form of Respondent No. 4 clearly shows that he had applied as SC (Ex-Serviceman). Based on these considerations we find no grounds to the authenticity of the impugned select list dtd. 24/12/2014. It is not disputed that the R/4 had scored 95 whereas the applicant had scored 83. Hence, R/4 has been rightly selected from the category of SC (Ex-Serviceman). The O.A. being devoid of any merit stands rejected with no order as to costs.

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(S.S. Hingne) Member (J)

(B. Maj∳mdar) Vice-Chairman.

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