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Subject: Disposal of representation of Dr Taseen Gul regarding select list of Assistant Professor (Bio-Technology).

Notice

Dated: 13.09.2022

Whereas, on the requisition of Higher Education Department, 10 posts (OM-07; RBA-01; SC-01, ST-01) of Assistant Professor in the discipline of Bio-Technology were notified vide Notification No.10-PSC (DR-P) of 2017 dated 27.10.2017. In response, 333 application forms were received, and after scrutiny, 30 eligible candidates including Dr Taseen Gul were called for interview which was conducted w.e.f. 20.09.2021 to 21.09.2021, with the assistance of subject matter Experts from outside the State (now UT); and,

Whereas, the provisional select list was issued vide Notification No. 84-PSC (DR-S) of 2021 dated 03.11.2021, inviting objections, if any, from the candidates; and,

Whereas, after the notification of the select list, primarily it came to the notice of the Commission that three candidates including one provisionally selected candidate, namely, Mr. Asif Amin has inadvertently been awarded points for JRF at the time of shortlisting when they were not in possession of the CSIR-UGC JRF certificate; and,

Whereas, this inadvertent mistake meant change in the merit for three candidates two in OM category and 01 in SC category; and,

Whereas, the candidates in OM category, namely, Mr Pankaj Sharad (short listed for interview) and Mr Asif Amin (selected candidate) were deleted from the shortlisting as well as interview notice. However, the third candidate, namely, Ms Usha Kiran (selected under SC category), was still within the cut of merit even without JRF points; and,

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Whereas, in consequence to above, a revised select list for OM category was issued vide Notification No. 84-PSC (DR-S) of 2021 dated 03.11.2021, wherein Mr Asif Amin was deleted and in his place, the candidate next in merit was selected; and,

Whereas, the applicant filed an OA No. 430/2022 before the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal Srinagar. The Hon'ble CAT while considering the matter vide its order dated 18.05.2022 directed as under:

"Meanwhile, the respondents are directed to dispose of the pending representation of the applicant".

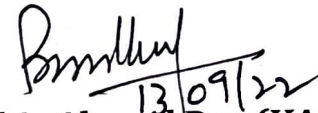
Whereas, in her representation the applicant has alleged that some candidates have been given weightage for conferences and publications, when they do not have any such publications/conference attendance. However, the allegations have been made without any supportive evidence. The applicant has not even mentioned any specific name, as such, the allegations are vague and without proof; and,

Whereas, as regards, her allegation that her conference points and teaching experience have not been counted, it is stated that she had submitted 05 International conference papers at the time of interview, out of which 04 have been accepted. Besides, she had also submitted one National conference paper which has also been accepted, and for both the conferences she has been awarded 2.25 points. Assuming but not admitting that even her 5th international paper is also accepted she would be entitled to 0.5 additional points which could make her grade 61.95 i.e still less than the last selected candidate. As regards the counting of teaching experience is concerned, she had submitted 02 experience certificates related to the period 09.11.2016 to 31.03.2017 and 10.04.2017 to 31.12.2017. The total experience comes to 01 year, 01 month & 19 days, for which 01 point has been awarded to the applicant (petitioner). Thus, the allegations that conference & teaching experience have not been counted is also baseless; and,

Whereas, as regards the allegation that candidates who did not possess JRF have been given weightage, it is to state that due to an inadvertent error some candidates who did not possess the JRF were shortlisted. However, as soon as the mistake was noticed, the same was rectified and only such candidates who fulfilled the eligibility criteria were recommended for appointment to the Government; and,

Whereas, the candidate has also filed application seeking information under RTI Act 2005 which has been disposed off and the relevant information stands provided.

Now, therefore, in compliance to the orders of the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal dated 18.05.2022 passed in OA No. 430/2022 titled Dr Taseen Gul Vs UT of J&K, the case has been examined and found that the applicant has failed to make it to the select list as she has secured **61.45** marks, whileas, the last selected candidate, under OM category had secured **62.08** marks. Therefore, the applicant's prayer for re-conducting the interview by cancelling the select list cannot be accepted. Hence, the claim of the applicant being devoid of any merit is hereby rejected.


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