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### **Denial of recruitment to disabled Ayurveda docs: KSHRC seeks explanation from KPSC**

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: In the wake of denial of recruitment to physically challenged Ayurveda doctors despite their right over 35 seats under special recruitment category, Kerala State Human Rights Commission (KSHRC) has sought an explanation from the Kerala Public Service Commission (KPSC) authorities.

KPSC secretary and General Administration Department secretary will have to give an explanation over non- recruitment of special candidates for Ayurveda doctors' post. Though three per cent of the vacancies through KPSC recruitment is set aside for the physically challenged, the Special Recruitment drive for them has not been carried out since 2012.

The order No.03/13 issued by KPSC on April 10, 2013 comes in the way of implementing the special recruitment drive, as it states that in case of absence of special candidates the vacant seats should be set aside for general recruitment. While, based on the Supreme Court order in 2015, the Central government has directed to ensure timely recruitment of the physically challenged candidates under special recruitment.

The KSHRC directive is based on the petition submitted by petitioners led by Dr Aji Antony among others. The petitioners have sought to implement the Supreme Court directive and to release the notification for appointment. The case is considered for hearing on September 7.