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Whiff of anomaly: MAT ask MPSC to keep post of assistant professor vacant

AURANGABAD: The Maharashtra Administrative Tribunal's Aurangabad bench has directed the MPSC and the medical education department to keep a post of assistant professor (pathology) vacant till the final disposal of an application filed by a lecturer currently working with the GMCH on an ad hoc basis.

Sunita Shere, who represents the SC category, had applied and appeared for the examination conducted by the Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC) for the post of assistant professor (pathology) from the open (female) category and had secured more marks than the candidate who didn't have adequate working experiences required for the post and scored less than her.

While passing the order, Maharashtra Administrative Tribunal (MAT) member (judicial) J D Kulkarni said, "Prima facie, there seems to be irregularities/illegality that have to be considered on the merits of the original application."

He added, "The applicant is claiming interim direction to keep one post of an assistant professor (pathology) vacant till the decision on the online application. Notices are issued to get reply of the respondents. In the meantime, the respondents are directed to keep one post vacant of assistant professor, pathology, government medical college, Maharashtra Medical Education and Research Service, Group B."

The next hearing on the original application has been placed on September 12, said Sham B Patil, the lawyer who represented Shere in MAT.

Lawyer Patil said Shere had applied for the post of assistant professor/lecturer as per the MPSC advertisement for 19 posts of assistant professor/lecturer, dated July 3, 2014. Though she belongs to SC category, she chose to apply for the post of assistant professor from the open (female) category.

Shere, however, found ineligible candidates finding the place final selection list.

She also found that "a male candidate had been shown to have selected against the female category", Patil said, adding that following this she approached MAT

challenging the MPSC selection process and seeking directions to appoint her as the assistant professor.