

AE recruitment: Court allows TANGEDCO to publish results

Vacating an interim stay barring the Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (TANGEDCO) from releasing the examination results of the exam conducted to recruit 375 Assistant Engineers, the Madras High Court has permitted the power utility to publish the results with a rider not to proceed with the selection process.

Justice T.S. Sivagnanam passed the interim order on pleas moved by over 50 persons who have completed apprenticeship in TANGEDCO seeking a direction to the corporation to formulate a scheme for absorbing them as employees as per the amended provisions of the Apprentices Act, 1961.

The petitioners wanted the court to declare illegal a notification issued by TANGEDCO on December 28, 2015 requiring them to undergo written examination for the post of Assistant Engineer.

According to the petitioners, the TANGEDCO had recruited apprentices whenever vacancies arose in various posts notwithstanding the fact that there was no obligation to do so under the Apprentices Act.

The recruitment process had no written examination.

The Apprentices Act was amended mandating every employer to formulate their own policy for recruiting any apprentice who had completed apprenticeship in the establishment.

With a rider

When the pleas came up for hearing on Tuesday, the judge, while vacating the stay, made it clear that TANGEDCO should not proceed with the selection process and it should confine itself only for publication of results and await final orders.

The court recorded the submission of the Advocate-General that the results would be published within a week and posted the pleas to August 8 for further hearing.