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University issued recruitment notification against legal norms, says plea in HC

Madurai: A public interest litigation has been filed at the Madurai bench of the Madras high court stating that the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University in Tirunelveli is going to fill up vacancies for the posts of professor, associate professor and assistant professor against the special reservation rule for scheduled caste (arunthathiar) community.

On this petition, the bench has sought a response from the government and adjourned the case to September 29.

Mathiya Manila Arasu SC (arunthathiar) Ooliyar Koottamaippu president K Veerapan has filed the petition. In his petition, he said the university on July 22 published an advertisement with regard to filling up of 11 posts in the cadre of professor, associate professor and assistant professor for the scheduled caste (arunthathiar) category.

But, in the advertisement, the university has included a new category 'scheduled caste (priority)'. The university's action is against the Tamil Nadu Arunthathiars (special reservation of seats in educational institutions including private educational institutions and of posts in the services under the state within the Reservation for the Scheduled Castes) Act, 2009 and Rules. As per the present procedure, when there are no qualified people belonging to SC (arunthathiar) community, non-arunthathiars have to be considered.

The Madras high court in a case held that the reservation for SC (arunthathiars) should be implemented strictly besides staying many appointments that violated the above-said Act. Hence, it is necessary to restrain the university from making appointment under the SC (priority) and to quash the advertisement notification, the petitioner said.