

Telangana urges HC to vacate stay on agri officers' recruitment

Hyderabad: The Telangana government's ambitious plan to recruit over 1,000 agricultural extension officers has hit a legal roadblock with the Hyderabad High Court directing the authorities not to go ahead with the final selection process.

According to the government counsel, when the state issued the recruitment notification in 2015 for filling up these posts through Telangana state public service commission, several contract employees, who have been working as agricultural extension officers, urged the state to fill up these posts through the agriculture department duly taking the department heads into confidence. They also sought some weightage for in-service candidates and relaxation for them in terms of the academic qualifications.

The state, however, is firm about handing over the recruitment process to TSPSC. It is not willing to accord any concession to contract employees. They can compete with the aspirants in the selection process, it said. Though a batch of such in-service candidates approached the AP administrative tribunal seeking a stay on the process, the tribunal refused to accord any such relief. Challenging the same E Suresh and 11 others approached the HC.