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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).21994/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 20-02-2025 in WA No. 2462/2022 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras]

P. ASHOK KUMAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE GENERAL MANAGER OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LTD. & ANR.

Respondent(s)

Date : 21-09-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ MISRA
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. We have heard learned counsel for the parties.
2. The petitioner had applied for appointment as a Junior Fire Supervisor. One of the eligibility conditions was that an applicant, other than one belonging to the specified category, should not be

less than 168 cm in height. Admittedly, the petitioner does not qualify the minimum height criteria, yet he participated in the selection process without demur. After declaration of result, the petitioner filed writ petition questioning the height requirement on the ground that for men coming from the State of Assam the minimum height required is lower than what is for others. The High Court, however, declined to interfere with the selection process primarily on two counts:

(i) that the writ petitioner had participated in the selection process without demur despite being fully aware that he would not be eligible for selection; and

(ii) that at the time when the matter had come for adjudication several years had passed since appointments were made, therefore any interference would have adverse impact on public interest.

3. We do not find any error in the view taken by the High Court. The Special Leave Petition is, accordingly, dismissed.

4. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(CHETAN ARORA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

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