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SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) DIARY NO(S). 49648/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 17-04-2026 in WA No. 1399/2025 passed by the High Court of Karnataka at Bengaluru]

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR MANGALORE
ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LTD MESCOM & ORS. Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

SRI J S SRIDHARA Respondent(s)

IA No. 279850/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, IA No. 279851/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 28-09-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ MISRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIJAY BISHNOI

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For Respondent(s)

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Delay condoned.
2. The submission on behalf of the petitioner(s) is that they are an autonomous body governed by Mangaluru Electricity Supply Company Recruitment Regulations, 2002 as per which the minimum qualification prescribed for the

post of Junior Assistant is "should have PUC qualification or passed equivalent Examination or Diploma in Accountancy and Auditing or in Accountancy and costing awarded by the State Council of Vocational Education, Government of Karnataka."

3. It is the submission of the petitioner(s) that admittedly the respondent does not have PUC qualification which is 10 + 2. Respondent possesses SSLC certificate and Diploma in automobile. In such circumstances, since Diploma in Automobile is distinguishable from Diploma in Accountancy and Auditing, the same could not be considered equivalent. Besides, the Government circular making the same as equivalent is not applicable to the petitioner-organization in light of their own regulations.

4. Issue notice, returnable in six weeks.

5. In the meantime, the effect and operation of the impugned order shall remain stayed.

(KAVITA PAHUJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(SAPNA BANSAL)
COURT MASTER (NSH)