

Aneesh Haridas Vs University of Kerala and Others

Court: High Court Of Kerala

Date of Decision: Feb. 15, 2007

Acts Referred: Constitution of India, 1950 " Article 14

Citation: AIR 2007 Ker 191

Hon'ble Judges: C.N. Ramachandran Nair, J

Bench: Single Bench

Advocate: G.S. Reghunath and Basant Balaji, for the Appellant; S. Gopakumaran Nair, S.C., for the Respondent

Final Decision: Allowed

Judgement

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C.N. Ramachandran Nair, J.

Petitioner completed his schooling in Tamil Nadu. He failed in the 12th standard examination in Mathematics.

After applying for writing the SAY (Save An Year) Examination, he wrote the Entrance Examination in Kerala for admission to engineering

courses, However, by the time admissions were given, result of the SAY Examination was published and the petitioner got 50% marks in the failed

subject making him eligible for admission to engineering course. Petitioner was admitted in the third respondent college for engineering course in the

year 2005-06 and after he wrote the first year (Semester I and II) examinations, University declined permission to the petitioner to take practical

examination on the ground that petitioner was ineligible to join the engineering course for the year 2005-06 for the reason that failed students are

entitled to take the entrance examination only after writing SAY Examination, which in Kerala was held prior to the entrance examination.

However, since the SAY Examination in Tamil Nadu was held subsequent to Entrance Examination held in Kerala, petitioner was ineligible to write

the entrance examination, even though he was permitted to write the examination is the case of the University. Learned Counsel for the University

has relied on Clause XX of the Rules for admission to affiliated colleges, which says that

Candidates who have passed SAY Examination of other State Boards are not eligible for admission during the same year.

It is obvious from the above that petitioner's admission is objected for the reason that he has passed his qualifying examination i.e. class XII by

writing SAY examination from ""other State Board"" in the year 2005-2006 and therefore cannot join for engineering course in Kerala in the same

year. In other words, petitioner could join engineering course in Kerala only in 2006-2007. However, it is conceded that students from Kerala

who failed in the XIIth examination and passed in SAY Examination conducted in the same year are eligible for admission to Engineering courses

during the same year itself. This is a case of clear discrimination between students who write SAY Examination in Kerala and in other State

Boards. Therefore the above provision in the admission Regulations has to be declared as violative of Article 14 of the Constitution, and I do so.

In other words, it is declared that students from other State Boards who qualify for admission based on the result of SAY Examination are entitled

for engineering and other graduate degree courses in Kerala in the same way as students from Kerala who take SAY Examination in Kerala and

became eligible for admission in the same year. In the circumstance, there will be a direction to the respondents to treat the admission given to the

petitioner as regular and proper and publish his withheld result and allow him to continue his course.

2. This writ petition is allowed as above.