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HIGH COURT OF TRIPURA
AGARTALA

No.F.11 (4)-HC/2026/20122-24

Dated, the 25th August, 2026

NOTIFICATION

Ref: Advertisement No.TJS/Grade-I/01/2026, dated 20.06.2026 (for recruitment in Grade-I of the Tripura Judicial Service under the Direct Recruitment Quota)

Whereas, the Hon'ble High Court of Tripura, vide Order dated 25.08.2026, passed in IA No.01 of 2026 in/and WP(C) No.631 of 2026 (*Piyush Priyadershi versus State of Tripura & Anr.*), held, *inter alia*, as follows:-

"...Counsel for the petitioner contends that as per the judgment of the Supreme Court in *Rajneesh K.V. Vs. K. Deepa & Ors.*, Civil Appeal No.3947/2020 Judicial Officers are also eligible to be appointed as District Judges by direct appointment even though they do not fulfil the requirement of period of practice as an advocate for 7(Seven) years. Attention of this Court is drawn to para 17 of the said judgment.

Counsel for the petitioner contends that vide notification dt.8th April,2026 the High Court amended the Tripura Judicial Service Rules, 2003 (as amended by the Fourteenth Amendment Rules, 2026) on 8th April,2026 in tune with the direction of the Supreme Court, but the High Court had omitted to provide eligibility for direct recruitment to the in-service Judicial Officers who do not need to have the period of practice as an advocate for 7(Seven) years.

Prima facie, we find force in the said contention.

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Therefore, pending further orders, the 2nd respondent is directed to permit the petitioner to submit his application offline and permit him to participate in the written examination for the post of Grade-I Judicial Service to be held on 12.09.2026 and 13.09.2026 pursuant to the notification dt. 11.08.2026, subject to fulfilling other criteria.

This direction shall also enure for the benefit of all the other in-service Judicial Officers intending to appear for selection process for the said position of Grade-I Judicial Officer pursuant to the above advertisement and their applications shall also be treated as valid in spite of they not possessing the requirement of 7(Seven) years of practice as an advocate.

The time for submitting application offline for this category of Judicial Officers, if not already submitted, is extended to 3rd September, 2026...";

Now, therefore, it is hereby notified that all the in-service Judicial Officers intending to appear in the selection process initiated pursuant to the Advertisement No.TJS/Grade-I/01/2026, dated 20.06.2026, issued by the High Court of Tripura for recruitment to Grade-I of the Tripura Judicial Service under the Direct Recruitment Quota, **may submit their applications offline, notwithstanding that they do not possess the requisite 7(seven) years' practice as an advocate.**

The last date for submission of such offline applications shall be 3rd September, 2026.

The in-service Judicial Officers whose applications were earlier rejected vide this Registry's Notification No.F.11(4)-HC/2026/18735, dated 11.08.2026 solely on the ground of non-submission of the requisite certificate of practice

as an advocate need not submit fresh applications offline. Their candidature shall be treated as valid and shall be considered in accordance with the aforesaid order.

By order,

Sd/-

(Angshuman Debbarma)

Registrar General

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02. The System Analyst, High Court of Tripura, Agartala for immediate uploading of the same in the Official Websites of the High Court as well as the District Courts of Tripura.

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