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COURT OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN) दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण विभाग/Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय/Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment भारत सरकार/Government of India

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Case No: 14148/1141/2023

In the matter of -

Shri Kudari Raj Kumar ... Complainant

Versus

Chairman and Managing Director, ... Respondent Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Mumbai

1. Gist of the complaint:

- 1.1 Shri Kudari Raj Kumar, a person with 51% locomotor disability, applied for HP Gas Distributorship at Gujjanagundla-Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, under the OBC + Physically Handicapped (PH) quota and was selected without a lottery, receiving a selection letter dated 20.10.2014. However, his candidature was later rejected on 18.12.2015 due to insufficient funds (below ₹10 lakh) in his account.
- 1.2 He filed a complaint with the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD), which recommended reconsideration since he was selected under the PH category without a lottery. Despite this, the location was reallocated to a general category applicant in 2017, denying him the opportunity meant for disabled candidates.
- 1.3 He highlighted that no special relaxations (financial, land, or age) were provided to disabled applicants under the 2013 guidelines, unlike those for scheduled categories. This was his final opportunity, as he was 44 at the time, i.e. just below the age limit.
- 1.4 He requested sympathetic consideration and allocation of a new LPG distribution location near Guntur, emphasising he was the only

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handicapped applicant selected without a lottery.

2. Notice issued to the Respondent:

2.1 A Notice dated 12.06.2023 was issued u/s 75 & 77 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, to the Respondent for forwarding its comments to this Court within 30 days. A final reminder dated 14.07.2023 was issued to the Respondent under Rule 38 (2) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rule, 2017.

3. Submissions made by the Respondent:

- 3.1 The respondent, in their reply dated 03.07.2023, stated that Shri Kudari Raj Kumar's candidature for LPG distributorship (advertised on 15.09.2013) was cancelled on 18.12.2015 due to his failure to meet the eligibility criteria; hence, there is no violation of the RPwD Act, 2016.
- 3.2 He had applied under the OBC (CC) category for an Urban-Rural location at Gujjanagundla, Guntur. As per selection guidelines, applicants were required to have a minimum balance of ₹10 lakh in their account as of the closing date of the application, i.e, 18.11.2013.
- 3.3 Although he was the sole applicant, field verification on 24.04.2015 revealed that his account balance was only ₹ 3,52,242. He did not meet the mandatory financial requirement. Therefore, his application was rejected.

4. Submissions made in Rejoinder:

4.1 The Respondent's reply was forwarded to the Complainant vide email dated 17.07.2023 for his rejoinder. However, no response was received from the complainant.

5. Seeking the Current Status and a Notice of Hearing:

5.1 Both parties were asked vide email dated 20.05.2025 to provide the current status of the instant case. Since no reply was received from any of the parties, it was decided to hold a personal hearing. Accordingly, a Notice of Hearing was issued on 04.07.2025, fixing the hearing on 09th July 2025.

6. Response received from the parties:

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6. The Complainant vide email dated 09.07.2025 requested closure of the case as he was not inclined to pursue the case any further.

7. Observation and Recommendation:

- 7.1 Upon considering the facts of the case and the material available on the records of the case, especially the email dated 09.07.2025, unconditionally withdrawing the case, it was decided to drop further proceedings and dispose of the case.
- 7.2 Accordingly, the case is disposed of with the approval of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.

(Praveen Prakash Ambashta)
Dy.Chief Commissioner