SECTION XI-A

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No(s). 21444/2022

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SLP(C) No. 12941-12942/2022 (XI-A)

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AND

SLP(C) No.13012/2022 (Item No.45)

Date: 29-07-2022 This petition was called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
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Permission to file the Special Leave Petition(s) is/are allowed in Special Leave Petition (Civil) @ Diary No.21444/2022.

It is contended *inter alia* that that Respondent No.1 who is a specially abled person can be appointed against an available vacancy of Assistant Professor (English) and there was no legal necessity to set aside the selection of all the Petitioners who are appointed purely on the basis of their merit, more so when no other legal infirmity in the selection process has been found.

Issue Notice, returnable on 16.09.2022.

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