



**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN  
BENCH AT JAIPUR**

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 3098/2026

Vinod Kumar S/o Pyarelal

----Petitioner

Versus

The State Of Rajasthan

----Respondent

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For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Harendar Neel  
Mr. Amogh Gupta  
Mr. Rohan Gupta

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Kapil Prakash Mathur, AAG  
Mr. Sandeep Maheshwari

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**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANAND SHARMA**

**Order**

**18/02/2026**

It is surprising that the petitioner has filed this writ petition contending therein that, in the recruitment process for Class-IV Employees, the cut-off marks for some reserved categories were as low as 0.0033, yet the petitioner's candidature was rejected only because he secured negative marks (below zero), even though no minimum qualifying marks were prescribed.

This situation is shocking and calls for serious consideration by this Court, as it raises concerns about maintaining basic standards in public employment. The State, as the appointing authority, is expected to ensure minimum standards in recruitment even for reserved category, so that selected candidates are capable of performing basic duties satisfactorily, may be of Class-IV employee. A person who secures near zero or negative marks cannot reasonably be considered suitable.



The situation indicates either that the examination was unnecessarily difficult for such entry level posts or that proper standards were not maintained; both of which are unacceptable.

No proper explanation has been given for not fixing minimum qualifying marks. Accordingly, Shri Kapil Prakash Mathur, learned Additional Advocate General, is directed to file affidavit of Principal Secretary of the concerned Department explaining this serious lapse and the reasons behind fixing such cut-off marks, and the steps proposed to improve such objectionable situation. If no satisfactory explanation is given, the Court may take it seriously and pass strict orders while drawing adverse inferences.

Let the matter be listed on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 for necessary compliance.

**(ANAND SHARMA),J**

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