

Recruitment of SBI Clerk 2016 Cancelled?

SBI Clerk 2016 aspirants may be in for a huge shock, as there is a **possibility that** the courts might get the recruitment of SBI Clerk 2016 cancelled. A bank job aspirant, S. Gurukrishna Gokul, has filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in Madras High Court against SBI on 25th May 2016. In it, he has demanded the elimination of one of the new eligibility norms for SBI Clerk 2016 Recruitment. This eligibility norm (read about it here) had been announced to mixed reactions when it was announced that SBI Clerk and SBI PO aspirants alike would be subjected to financial scrutiny.

The PIL seeks to remove the eligibility norm which doesn't allow loan defaulters to apply for recruitment. The case has also sought the Court to direct the SBI to issue a fresh notification for all candidates to apply.

What is the PIL about?

In his petition, S. Gurukrishna Gokul claims, "This condition will prevent a large number of economically and socially backward candidates from applying for the posts. If they were appointed, after selection process, they would be able to repay the loans."

He further added that instead of creating and providing employment opportunities for candidates to help them repay loans, the norms worsens the situation and creates more educational loan defaulters through this "unreasonable & arbitrary eligibility condition".











Steps taken by Madras High Court

The Madras High court bench comprising of Justice R Mahadevan & SS Sundar have issued a notice to SBI to file their explanation on this PIL within 2 weeks.

Within this period of 2 weeks, SBI needs to prepare a strong defence to convince the bench for the need of the eligibility norm in question because the petition is about employment of lakhs of student.

SBI's Take on it

With the alarming and mounting issue of Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) and defaulters, all banks including SBI are suffering. It cannot be perceived as promoting or protecting defaulters of loan payments.

So is Recruitment of SBI Clerk 2016 cancelled?

If the Madras Court bench finds that SBI is at fault,

- They may strike down SBI Clerk Recruitment 2016 and order SBI to issue a new notification as sought by the petitioner through his PIL.

OR

- State bank may agree to open the application process once again for candidates who had earlier missed out due to the eligibility norms.

If SBI manages to prepare a strong defense and is successful in convincing the court about the need and existence of this eligibility norm, then SBI Clerk 2016 Recruitment will not get cancelled and State Bank of India (SBI) may continue with the current set of eligibility norms.









Hence, the verdict of the PIL will impact a large group of students who are currently completing their graduation through loans and aspiring for bank jobs.

As of now, news that "recruitment of SBI Clerk 2016 cancelled" is not accurate.

Is SBI Clerk 2016 Prelims Exam cancelled?

Nope. Not as of now. Do not stop your SBI Clerk Mains preparation either.

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