



Supreme Court Upholds Rajasthan's 2-Child Norm for Government Jobs | Rajasthan | 01 Mar 2024

Why in News?

The Supreme Court has upheld the **two-child eligibility criterion of the Rajasthan government for seeking public employment**, ruling that it is not discriminatory and does not violate the Constitution.

Key Points

- The **Rajasthan Various Service (Amendment) Rules, 2001** bar candidates who have **more than two children** from **seeking government jobs**.
 - While upholding the two-child norm, the top court dismissed the appeal filed by ex-serviceman Ramji Lal Jat, who had applied for a constable's job in the Rajasthan Police on May 25, 2018 after his retirement from military in 2017.
 - The bench held that **Rule 24(4) of the Rajasthan Police Subordinate Service Rules, 1989**, which says **"no candidate shall be eligible for appointment to the service who has more than two children on or after June 1, 2002"** is non-discriminatory and does not violate the Constitution.
- The court held that the classification, which disqualifies candidates for having more than two living children, was **non-discriminatory** and **intra-vires the Constitution**, since the objective behind the provision was to promote **family planning**.

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