

1. Mr. Jadhav, learned advocate for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have filed objection with the Education Officer to decide the seniority as per Rule 12 of the MEPS Rules. Same may be directed to be decided on its own merit.

2. We have heard learned AGP. Mr.Thombre, learned advocate appears for the applicant in Civil Application No.13885 of 2017. Mr.Thombre, learned advocate also contends about seniority.

3. Considering the fact that the petitioners in the writ petition have already raised objection with regard to seniority, it is for the Education Officer to decide the objection as per Rule 12 of the MEPS Rules on its own merits.

4. In the light of that, the Education Officer shall decide the objection raised by the present petitioners with regard to seniority on its own merits in accordance with law, after hearing all the interested parties, expeditiously, preferably within two months. The parties shall appear before the Education Officer on 20.12.2017.

5. Mr. Jadhav, learned advocate for the petitioners and Mr.Thombre, learned advocate for applicant in the Civil Application submit that till the objection is decided by the Education Officer, the parties be directed to maintain status-quo.

6. Till the objection is decided by the Education Officer, status-quo as on today be maintained.

7. The writ petition and the Civil Application are disposed of. No costs.

[S . M . GAVHANE , J .]

[S . V . GANGAPURWALA , J .]