

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPURWPS No. 8223 of 2018

1. Pankajani Panda D/o Pradeep Panda, Aged About 23 Years, R/o Village Ektal, Post And Tehsil Netnagar, Block Pussore, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.
2. Chameli Patel D/o Devkumar Patel, Aged About 23 Years, R/o Ward No. 41, Chhatamura, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

---Petitioners

Versus

1. State of Chhattisgarh, Through its Secretary Higher Education Department, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Raipur (C.G.).
2. Additional Director, Directorate of Higher Education Department, Atal Nagar, Raipur (C.G.).
3. Principal, Kirodimal Government Arts And Science College, Raigarh, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

---Respondents

For petitioners	:	Shri Shantam Awasthi, Advocate.
For State	:	Shri Ratan Pusty, Government Advocate.

Hon'ble Shri Justice P. Sam Koshy

Order on Board

10/12/2018

1. The petitioners in the present writ petition are aggrieved by the decision of the State Govt. dated 09.10.2018 Annexure P-1 whereby the State Govt., as a precautionary measure, has directed the concerned Principals of the Govt. Colleges not to appoint any Guest Faculty in respect of those subjects where in previous years the arrangement was being made by way of Guest Faculty.
2. The instruction so issued by the State Govt. appears to be in the light of some directions given by this Court in a couple of writ petitions, the leading

of which being WPS No. 4938 of 2018 and other analogous matters which came up for hearing before this Court and where this Court had granted interim relief on 31.07.2018.

3. According to the petitioners, **they** have already been granted appointment and by virtue of appointment, they are still discharging their duties. Contention of the counsel for the petitioners is that the college in which the petitioners are working and also the subject which the petitioners are teaching, there is no litigation in as much as there is no writ petition against the said college and also against the subject in which the petitioners are teaching. It is the further contention of the petitioners that the order Annexure P-1 dated 09.10.2018 is only an order passed by the department to avoid a situation of contempt of Court. According to the petitioners, the contempt of Court would arise only in the event of there being a specific direction or a writ issued against a particular college or against a particular subject which in the instant case does not exist.

4. This fact is not disputed by the State counsel.

5. Given the said facts and also taking note of the directions given by this Court vide order dated 31.07.2018 in the bunch of writ petitions, it is evidently clear that this Court had granted interim protection to only those specific petitioners who had approached the High Court and the interim protection also was confined to the subject against which each of the petitioners were working. This Court in the subsequent series of litigation of similar nature had specifically mentioned that the recruitment process, if any,

would be permitted to be continued except for filling up those posts where there is a claim by the previous academic sessions' guest faculties and the said interim order would come into force only in the event of the posts are lying vacant and it has not been filled up before the interim orders were passed by this Court.

6. Given the aforesaid facts, this Court is of the opinion that the services of the petitioners since have not been questioned in any other writ petition and that the petitioners are still by virtue of appointment granted to **them** continuing in service, **their** services should not be discontinued.

7. With the aforesaid observation, the writ petition stands disposed of.

Sd/-

(P. Sam Koshy)
JUDGE

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