

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPS No. 2978 of 2019

1. Santosh Kumar Rai S/o Narsingh Rai Aged About 30 Years Working As Guest Faculty, Political Science, Govt. Daulat Ram Sharma, College Kasdol, District Baloda Bazar-Bhatapara Chhattisgarh
2. Dr. Jaiprakash Sonwani S/o Chhedilal Sonwani Aged About 40 Years Working As Guest Faculty, Geography, Govt. Daulat Ram Sharma, College Kasdol, District Baloda Bazar-Bhatapara Chhattisgarh

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Versus

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Department Of Higher Education, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Raipur District Raipur Chhattisgarh
2. Additional Director Higher Education Department, Block C-3, 2nd And 3rd Floor, Indravati Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Raipur District Raipur Chhattisgarh
3. The Principal Govt. Daulat Ram Sharma, College Kasdol, District Baloda Bazar-Bhatapara Chhattisgarh

---Respondents

For Petitioners	:	Mr. C.P. Lahrey, Advocate
For State	:	Mr. Arvind Dubey, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice P. Sam Koshy

Order on Board

24/04/2019

1. The petitioners in the present writ petition is 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. 4938/2018 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 had 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 off.

Sd/-
(P. Sam Koshy)
Judge

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