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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

WPC No. 2221 of 2020

1. Mahamaya Aishwarya Laxmi Swa- Sahayata Samooh (Self Help Group), Junwani, Through Its President - Kuleshwari Vaishnav W/o Lokendra Vaishnav, Aged About 22 Years, R/o Village - Junwani, Ward No.1, Block - Pathariya, District - Mungeli Chhattisgarh.
2. Jai Mahamaya Mahila Swa - Sahayata Samooh (Self Help Group), Bedhakapa, Through Its President - Jageshwari W/o Bhagirathi, Aged About 44 Years, R/o Village - Siltara - Bedhakapa, Block - Pathariya, District - Mungeli Chhattisgarh.
3. Chhattisgarh Mahila Swa - Sahayata Samooh (Self Help Group), Pathariya, Through Its Secretary - Rishi Bai Banjare W/o Kalicharan Banjare, Aged About 33 Years, R/o Subhash Ward - 3, Pathariya, Block - Pathariya, District - Mungeli Chhattisgarh.
4. Annapurna Mahila Swa - Sahayata Samooh (Self Help Group), Pathariya, Through Its Secretary - Urmila Yadav, Working At Village And Post Pathariya, Ward No. 8, Tahsil - Pathariya, District - Mungeli Chhattisgarh.
5. Mahila Swa - Sahayata Samooh (Self Help Group), Dakachaka, Through Its Secretary - Nima Devi W/o Jitendra Kumar, Aged About 30 Years, R/o Village - Dakachaka, Block - Pathariya, District - Mungeli Chhattisgarh.
6. Janjagran Mahila Swa - Sahayata Samooth (Self Help Group), Kapua, Through Its President - Smt. Kamlesh Bai Anant (Aahire) W/o Trilochan Prasad Aahire, Aged About 35 Years, R/o Village - Kapua, Ward No. 6, Block - Pathariya, District - Mungeli Chhattisgarh.
7. Jagriti Mahila (Wrongly Mentioned As Jai Maa Sheetla) Swa - Sahayata Samooh (Self Help Group), Chandli, Through Its President - Sushila Bai W/o Arjun Lal, Aged About 41 Years, R/o Village - Chandli, Post Badra Thakur, Block - Pathariya, District - Mungeli Chhattisgarh.

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Versus

1. State Of Chhattisgarh, Through - The Secretary, Woman And Child Development Department, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nawa Raipur, District - Raipur Chhattisgarh.
2. The Commissioner, Woman And Child Development Department, Raipur, District - Raipur Chhattisgarh.
3. The Collector, Mungeli, District - Mungeli Chhattisgarh.
4. The District Programme Officer, Woman And Child Development, Mungeli, District - Mungeli Chhattisgarh.
5. The Project Officer Integrated Child Development Scheme, Pathariya, District - Mungeli Chhattisgarh.

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For Petitioner	:	Mr. Dharmesh Shrivastava, Advocate
For State	:	Mr. Mateen Siddiqui, Dy. A.G.

Hon'ble Shri Justice P. Sam Koshy

Order on Board

05.10.2020

1. The grievance of the petitioners in the present writ petition seems to be the decision on the part of the respondents in proceeding with the advertisement issued on 23.06.2020 (Annexure P-2) for allotment of the work of distribution and supply of Ready to Eat supplementary nutritious food to the Anganwadi centres.
2. At the outset, this Court is of the view that the petitioners may not have any right conferred on them for the reason that the petitioners were awarded with a contract in June-July, 2015 and the period of the contract was for five years ending in June-July, 2020 and the petitioners were permitted to discharge their duties for the whole of five years tenure. It was foreseeing that the contract is coming to an end for which the respondents have issued an advertisement on 23.06.2020.
3. On a query being put to the counsel for the petitioners, he has accepted the fact that the petitioners also have the liberty to participate in the said advertisement. At this juncture, the counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners had approached the Collector for continuing with the existing advertisement for some time taking into consideration of the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic. It appears that the Collector has also vide Annexure P-5 dated 17.08.2020 has passed some orders.

4. Given the fact that the Collector has already passed some orders, this Court at this juncture would be reluctant to entertain the writ petition for this reason.
5. Accordingly, the present writ petition stands rejected. However, the petitioners would be at liberty to approach the District Collector, District Mungeli for appropriate relief or direction in terms of the order of the Collector dated 17.08.2020. The present writ petition accordingly stands disposed off.

**Sd/-
(P. Sam Koshy)
Judge**

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