SL. No.	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGE'S ORDERS
			WPSS 442/2025 With WPSS 786/2025 Hon'ble Manoj Kumar Tiwari, J. Mr. Sandeep Kothari, Advocate for the petitioner in WPSS/442/2025. Mr. Vijay Bhatt and Ms. Mamta Bhatt, Advocate for the petitioner in WPSS/786/2025. Mr. Ganesh Datt Kandpal, Deputy AG, for the State. (2) Since dispute involved in both the writ petitions is one and same, therefore these are being decided together by this common judgment. (3) Petitioners were initially appointed as PTA Teacher against sanctioned vacancy on the post of Lecturer in a government aided institution w.e.f. 26.2.1996; they were given ad hock status of Lecturer w.e.f. 1.7.2009 and their services were regularised on the post of Lecturer w.e.f. 17.11.2015. The Committee of Management determined the seniority of lecturers serving in the said institution, in which Rajesh Prasad Dangwal (petitioner in WPSS/786/2025) has been placed at serial no. 1, while Soukar Singh Rawat (petitioner in WPSS/442/2025) has been placed at serial no. 2 by treating him to be junior to Rajesh Prasad Dangwal. The post of Principal in the concerned school had fallen vacant on 31.3.2025 and charge of the said post was given to Rajesh Prasad Dangwal by virtue of his position in the seniority list. However, pursuant to an interim order passed in WPSS/442/2025 on 4.4.2025 by coordinate Bench of this Court, charge of

officiating Principal was given to Soukar Singh Rawat.

(4) Learned State Counsel points out that determination of seniority made by the Committee of Management is appealable before the Regional Additional Director of Education. He submits that if Soukar Singh Rawat has any grievance against determination of seniority, as made by Committee of Management, then he should have approached the appellate authority.

(5) This Court finds substance in the said submission. Since Rajesh Prasad Dangwal has been placed on top of seniority list, therefore, Soukar Singh Rawat cannot hold charge of officiating Principal any more. However, having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, writ petitions are disposed of with liberty to Soukar Singh Rawat to file appeal before the appropriate authority in the department. If he files appeal within ten days from today, decision thereupon shall be taken within four weeks thereafter. Only for a period of three weeks, status quo as regards charge of officiating Principal of the concerned institution shall be maintained.

(6) It goes without saying that all persons likely to be affected by the decision to be taken on appeal of Soukar Singh Rawat shall also be heard by the appellate authority.

(Manoj Kumar Tiwari, J.)

4.11.2025
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