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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ CONT.CAS(C) 1996/2025

DEVASTOTRA PODDAR & ANR.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Abhimanyu Arun, Mr.
Kamakshraj Singh, Advs. (through
v/c)

versus

FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF INDIA &
ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Aditya Singla and Ms. Arya
Suresh Nair, Advs. (through v/c)
Mr. Rajesh Gogna, CGSC, Mr. Govil
Upadhyay, GP for R-2/Ministry of
Health and Welfare (through v/c)

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN DATTA

ORDER

23.02.2026

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1. The present petition alleges wilful disobedience / non-compliance of the directions contained in the judgment / order dated 04.08.2021 passed in W.P.(C) 132/2021. The operative directions therein reads as under:

“31. In view of my above discussion, the impugned result notice dated December 24, 2020, insofar as the selection of the respondent Nos.3 to 12 is concerned, the same is held as illegal. The selection of the respondent Nos.3 to 12 is set aside. Consequently, their appointments are also set aside. The respondent No.1 is within its right to prepare a fresh selection list for filling up the ten posts / vacancies which now arise in view of this order, as per the selection criteria evolved by it and then proceed accordingly. The writ petition with regard to respondent Nos.13 to 17 is dismissed.”

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the aforesaid directions have not been complied with despite the fact that challenge to the aforesaid judgment / order stands dismissed by the Supreme Court.



3. Attention is drawn to the factual position recorded in para-3 of the said judgment, which reads as under:

“3. In terms of the advertisement, selection process for the post of Assistant Director (Technical) was through a Computer-Based Test (‘CBT’ for short) followed by written examination and interview. The CBT was held on July 24, 2019. Similarly, the written examination was held on October 10, 2020. A communication notice was published on November 10, 2020 by the respondent No.1 publishing provisionally list of successful candidates who were to be called for interview. The respondent No.1 conducted interview for 75 candidates. The result for the same was published on December 24, 2020, wherein the names of respondent Nos.3 to 12 also features, and accordingly, they have been issued appointment letters to the post of Assistant Director (Technical).”

4. It is pointed out that a list of 75 persons was drawn for a Computer-Based Test (CBT), followed by a written examination and interview. This was taken note of in the aforementioned para-3 of the judgment / order dated 04.08.2021.

5. Attention is also drawn to a copy of the notice dated 10.11.2020, which is also referred to in para-3 of the aforesaid the judgment / order dated 04.08.2021. The said notice reads as under:

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006)
(HR Division)
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi- 110 002
Dated 10 November 2020

NOTICE

Subject: List of provisionally successful candidates to be called for document verification and interview for the Post of Assistant Director(Technical) (Advt. No. DR-02/2019).

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India conducted the computer based test from 24.07.2019 to 26.07.2019 for Assistant Director(Technical) advertised against DR-02/2019. Written examinations for the post was conducted on 10th & 11th October, 2020. A total 248 candidates appeared in the written examinations.

2. The selection to the post of Assistant Director(Technical) is to be made based on the combined score of CBT+ Written Examination + Interview whereas the weightage of these stages is 50%+ 35%+15% respectively. Based on marks scored in Computer Based examination and written examination, candidates have been shortlisted in the ratio of 1:5, category-wise, to appear in interview. Separate cut-offs have been fixed for these posts category-wise. The post-wise cut-offs applied and the candidates available for each category are given in the Tables below:

Post/Pay Level	No of Post Total -15 (UR-08, OBC-3, SC-2, ST-1, EWS-1)	Category-wise Cut off (Out of 85 Marks)				
		UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS
Assistant Director (Technical) (PL-10)		53.5875	48.725	47.175	45.3625	38.175
	No of Candidates available	40	15	10	5	5



3. List of successful candidates (not in order of merit) qualified for the next stage (document verification and interview) is as under:

Post: Assistant Director (Technical)

S.No.	Registration No.	Name of Candidate
1	FSSAI205017	AJAY KUMAR
2	FSSAI108755	AJAY SINGH KATARIA
3	FSSAI190329	AMITHA THOMAS
4	FSSAI105833	AMOL RAJENDRARAO JAGTAP
5	FSSAI269780	ANKITA GUPTA
6	FSSAI002807	ANNAL SELVA MALAR P
7	FSSAI258199	ANUPAM KUMAR
8	FSSAI043597	APOORVA SRIVASTAV
9	FSSAI305989	ARKALINA DWIBEDI
10	FSSAI057445	ARUNA BANOIL
11	FSSAI202030	ASHA ASHOK
12	FSSAI359373	ASMITARANI VISHWANATHRAO PATIL

58	FSSAI189680	RATNA SHrivASTAVA
59	FSSAI177426	S. SURENDRAN
60	FSSAI107873	SARSHEE PIPLIYAL
61	FSSAI039172	SAKSHI JAIN
62	FSSAI235031	SHEETAL CHAUDHAN
63	FSSAI025675	SHERSTANDING DIENGNGAN
64	FSSAI038471	SINAI SALEILKAR RUCHA DILIP
65	FSSAI007204	SNIAKUMAR NAGARAJAN
66	FSSAI261334	SONIKA KUMARI
67	FSSAI237530	SRAVANI KORALLA
68	FSSAI301046	SUDHIR KUMAR
69	FSSAI003333	SUJATA
70	FSSAI020990	SUKANYA PONDUGALA
71	FSSAI217712	SUMI BARMAN
72	FSSAI194326	VAIRALINGAM C
73	FSSAI273204	VINEET SHYAM
74	FSSAI136828	VINITA VERMA
75	FSSAI267795	YEGAPPA HIPPARAGI

The result declared on the FSSAI website is provisional since it is based on the list of candidates in the online application. Merely inclusion of name of candidates qualified for document verification and interview, does not make them eligible for the post and eligibility of the candidates will be checked during the interview. In case of any false declaration by the candidates, the candidature of the candidate will be rejected.

The individual score card of the candidates will be made available on FSSAI website. Further, information regarding schedule for documents verification will be communicated to the provisionally selected candidates separately in due course through speed post. Candidates are also advised to keep visiting FSSAI website for any further information.

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58	FSSAI1809680	RATNA SHrivASTAVA
59	FSSAI177426	S SURENDRAJI
60	FSSAI107873	SACHIN PIPRAYAL
61	FSSAI03377	SACHIN JAIN
62	FSSAI235011	SHETAL CHAUDHARI
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4. The result declared on the FSSAI website is provisional since it is based on the self-declaration of candidates in the online application. Merely inclusion of name in the list of candidates qualified for document verification and interview, does not proclaim the candidates eligible for the post and eligibility of the candidates will be checked at later stage. In case of any false declaration by the candidates, the candidature of the candidate will be cancelled.

5. Individual score card of the candidates will be made available on FSSAI website in due course. Further, information regarding schedule for documents verification and interview will be intimated to the provisionally selected candidates separately in due course through email and speed post. Candidates are also advised to keep visiting FSSAI website for further updates.


(Praful Ranjan)
Deputy Director (HR)

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6. Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the fresh selection list is to be drawn up from the aforementioned list of 75 persons for the purpose of complying with the directions contained in the judgment/ order dated 04.08.2021.

7. Mr. Aditya Singla, learned counsel for the respondents, on instructions, does not refute that fresh selection list is to be drawn up from the pool of 75 persons, referred to in the aforementioned notice dated 10.11.2020. He however, submits that the concerned department would need some time for the purpose of completion of all the formalities in this regard. He assures and undertakes that necessary compliance shall be done latest within a period of three months from today and a fresh selection list shall be



duly prepared for filling up 10 post /vacancies which have arisen in view of the judgment/ order dated 04.08.2021.

8. Taking on record the aforesaid, the present petition is disposed of.
9. List for reporting compliance on 06.07.2026.

SACHIN DATTA, J

FEBRUARY 23, 2026/cl