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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**WPS No. 3436 of 2023**

1. Tarun Kumar S/o Dilip Kumar Vaishnav Aged About 25 Years Working Guest Teacher (P.G.T. Mathematics) At Government Eklavya Adarsh Awasiya School, Pendri, District Rajnandgaon (Chhattisgarh)
2. Smt. Sushila Kewat D/o Rameshwar Prasad Kewat Aged About 35 Years Working As Guest Teacher (P.G.T. Sanskrit) At Goavernment Eklavya Adarsh Awasiya School, Pendri, District Rajnandgaon (Chhattisgarh)
3. Smt. Meenakshi Sahu W/o Hirendra Kumar Sahu Aged About 32 Years Working As Guest Teacher (T.G.T. Hindi) At Government Eklavya Adarsh Awasiya School, Pendri, District Rajnandgaon (Chhattisgarh)
4. Rajeshwari Kaushik D/o Arun Kumar Kaushik Aged About 29 Years Working As Guest Teacher (P.G.T. Hindi) At Government Eklavya Adarsh Awasiya School, Pendri, District Rajnandgaon (Chhattisgarh)
5. Bharti Sahu D/o Roop Singh Aged About 26 Years Working As Guest Teacher (T.G.T. Science) At Government Eklavya Adarsh Awasiya School, Pendri, District Rajnandgaon (Chhattisgarh)
6. Shilpee Shrivastava D/o Nitesh Kumar Shrivastava Aged About 32 Years Working As Guest Teacher (T.G.T. English) At Government Eklavya Adarsh Awasiya School, Pendri, District Rajnandgaon (Chhattisgarh)

---- Petitioners**Versus**

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Department Of School Education, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar Nawa Raipur, District Raipur (Chhattisgarh)
2. Secretary Department Of Tribal And Scheduled Caste, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar Nawa Raipur, District Raipur (Chhattisgarh)
3. Director Directorate Of Public Instructions Indrawati Bhawan Atal Nagar Nawa Raipur District Raipur (Chhattisgarh)
4. Commissioner / Ex- Officio Secretary Chhattisgarh State Level Tribal Welfare, Awasiya And Ashram Educational Committee, Atal Nagar Nawa Raipur, District Raipur (Chhattisgarh)
5. Assistant Commissioner / Member Secretary District Level Tribal Welfare, Awasiya And Ashram Educational Committee, District Rajnandgaon (Chhattisgarh)



6. Collector District Rajnandgaon (Chhattisgarh)
7. Principal Government Eklavya Adarsh Awasiya School, Pendri, District Rajnandgaon, (Chhattisgarh)

---- Respondents

(Cause-title taken from Case Information System)

For Petitioners : Mr. Govind Dewangan, Advocate.
For Respondent-State : Mr. R.M. Solapurkar, Government Advocate.

Hon'ble Shri Rakesh Mohan Pandey, Judge

Order on Board

29.05.2023

1. The present petition is against the order dated 08.05.2023, wherein the fresh advertisement has been issued for appointment of Guest Teachers under the Respondent no.7 and the advertisement is made by Respondent no.5.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are working as Guest Teacher on T.G.T. (Trained Graduate Teachers) and P.G.T. (Post Graduate Teachers) since more than one previous academic session in same institute and in the earlier occasion also the dispute arose when the advertisement was made and it was observed by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in Writ Petition (S) No. 6633 of 2018 on 05.10.2018, that the guest teachers shall not be removed by another set of Guest Teachers. It is further contended that the petitioners were lastly appointed as Guest

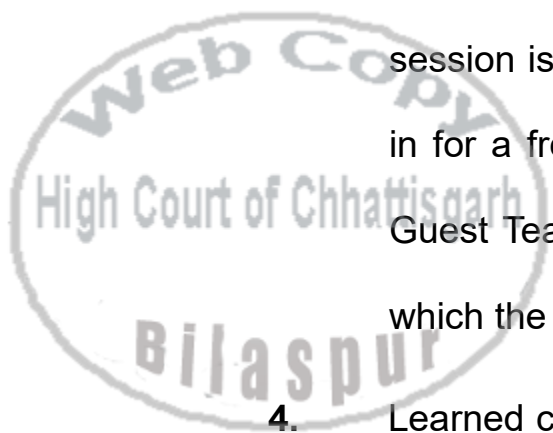


Teachers for the last session and again when the session is coming to end, fresh advertisement has been issued for appointment of Guest Teachers.

3. The contention of the petitioners is that the petitioners have undergone a due process of selection for being appointed as a Guest Teachers and that the services of the petitioners also were satisfactory as there is no complaint whatsoever, so far as the competency of the petitioners is concerned. It is further the contention of the petitioners is that now the academic session is over, the respondents should not be permitted to go in for a fresh recruitment process for filling up of the posts of Guest Teachers under the respondent No.7 for the subject, in which the petitioners were taking classes.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners relies upon the judgment of this Court passed in the case of “**Manju Gupta & others v. State of Chhattisgarh & Others**” passed in **Writ Petition (S) No. 4406 of 2016** decided on **27.02.2017**, whereby the similarly placed Guest Teachers under the Director (Industrial Training Institute) have been granted protection from being replaced by another set of Guest Lecturers.

5. Having heard the contentions put forth on either side and on perusal of record, what is admitted is that the petitioners were appointed. The order of appointment specifically had a clause





mentioning that the appointment so made are till an alternative arrangement is made by way of regular recruitment/contractual /transfer.

6. Further from the records, it also does not appear that the performance of the petitioners, at any point of time, was found to be unsatisfactory. In the case of **Manju Gupta** (supra), this Court in paragraphs No. 8 to 11 has held as under:-

“8. True it is, that the petitioners' status is that of a Guest Lecturer but that does not mean that they do not have any right. There is always a legitimate expectation of the petitioners that since the filling up of the posts has not been initiated by way of a regular appointment or by contractual appointments, the petitioners would be permitted to continue.

9. The undisputed fact is that the petitioners were given appointment only on undertaking given by them pursuant to an advertisement by the respondents. In the undertaking which was made to be furnished by the petitioners, they were made to undertake that their appointment would be till the posts are filled up by regular/contractual appointment. This by





itself clearly gives an indication that unless the respondents fill up the sanctioned vacant posts by either regular recruitment or by way of contractual appointment, the petitioners would continue as Guest Lecturers. On the practical aspect also the fact that the Petitioners are discharging the duties of Guest Lecturers for last more than 1-2 years, itself is a good ground for permitting the petitioners to continue on the said posts as Guest Lecturers, simply for the reason of their experience on the said post, as fresh recruitment would mean that persons with no or less experience would be participating in the recruitment process, which also would not be in the interest of the students who are undertaking training in the respective institutions.

10. Taking into consideration the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of *Piara Singh* (supra) and which has been further reiterated in the case of *Dr. Chanchal Goyal* (supra), this Court has no hesitation in reaching to the conclusion that the advertisement (Annexure





P-1) so issued by the respondents is definitely not in the interest of the students undertaking training at Industrial Training Institute, Ambikapur, and the same would amount to violation of Article 21 of the Constitution of India and the same therefore deserves to be and is accordingly quashed. The advertisement would be deemed to be quashed only to the extent of the recruitment against the posts at which the petitioners are discharging. That is to say, the respondents would be entitled to fill up the posts which are lying vacant by way of Guest Lecturers where there are no Guest Lecturers available.

11. It is directed that the respondents would not be entitled for filling up the posts of Guest Lecturer by replacing the petitioners unless the respondents come up with a stand that the services of the petitioners were dissatisfactory. The quashment of the advertisement issued by the respondents would also not come in the way of the respondents for filling up of the sanctioned





vacant posts by regular recruitment or by way of contractual appointment for which the respondents shall be free.”

7. This Court, under the given circumstances, is inclined to accept the same analogy in the case of the petitioners also and accordingly, it is ordered that unless there is any complaint received against the performance of the petitioners, the respondents are restrained from going in for any fresh recruitment of Guest Teachers for the said subject under the respondent No. 7 / Principal Government Eklavya Adarsh Avasiya Vidyalaya against which the petitioners were engaged.

8. It is however made clear that the protection to the petitioners would be only to the extent of not being replaced by another set of Guest Teachers. This would not preclude the State Government from going in for filling up of the post by way of regular appointment or by way of engaging contractual teachers under the rules for contractual employment. The remuneration of the Guest Teacher shall be guided by the fresh set of payment which may be decided by the State as there cannot be two sets of payments for the same post.

9. With the aforesaid observations, the present writ petition stands disposed of.



- 10.** In view of above, I.A. No.02, an application for hearing the case during summer vacation and I.A. No.03, an application for urgent hearing, stand disposed of.

Sd/-

(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
Vacation Judge

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