

**HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD**

**MONDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K. SARATH

I.A.No. 1 OF 2026

IN

WP NO: 17422 OF 2026

Between

1. Chowhan Raju Naik, S/o. Late Chowhan Shankar Naik.
2. Tunki Pavan Pramod Goud,, S/o. Tunki Mallesh Goud.
3. Rasukachula Chaitanya Das,, S/ o. R. Surya Narayana.
4. Nadigotti Keerthipriya,, D/o. Nadigotti Chandram.
5. A. Sravani,, D/o. Anakapally Jangaiah.
6. Munugoti Bharath Kumar,, S/o. Munugoti Yadaiah.
7. Akkapalli Gayathri,, D/o A. Raji Reddy.
8. Gaddam Sridhar,, S/o. Gaddam Ganesh.
9. Japurapu Sneha,, D/o. Japurapu Siddaiah.
10. Buddagattu Shivaraj,, S/o Late Buddagatta Ramulu.
11. Akupathni Santhosh,, S/o. Akupathni Sita Ramulu.
12. Gurram Nithin,, S/o. Gurram Srinivas.
13. Kavurampeta Raghavendar,, S/o. K. Venkataiah.
14. Kodela Narender,, S/o. K. Bondaiah.
15. Kota Sai Kumar,, S/o. Kota Hanumanthu.
16. Kollagalla Praveen,, S/o Kollagalla Anthaiah.
17. Polapelli Vijay Kumar,, S/o Polapelli Rajaiah.
18. Jalagam Raja Babu,, S/o. Jalagam Krishnaiah.
19. Kothapalli Sathish, S/o. Kothapalli Suresh.
20. M. Navendra Naik,, S/o. M. Reddy Nayak.

...Petitioners

(Petitioner in WP NO: 17422 OF 2026
on the file of High Court)

AND

1. Union of India, Rep. by its Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi - 110029.
2. Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd. (SPMCIL), Rep. by its Chairman and Managing Director, 3rd Floor, Tower-G, World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi - 110029.
3. Joint General Manager (HR), SPMCIL, 3rd Floor, Tower-G, World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi - 110029.
4. General Manager, Security Printing Press, Mint Compound, Saifabad, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500063.
5. Currency Note Press,, Nashik Rep. by its Chief General Manager, Jail. Road, Nashik, Maharashtra - 422101.
6. Joint General Manager (HR), Currency Note Press Nashik, Jail Road, Nashik, Maharashtra - 422101.

...Respondents
(Respondents in-do-)

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI M S AVINASH YADAV

**Counsel for the Respondent: SRI N BHUJANGA RAO DEPUTY SOLICITOR
GENERAL OF INDIA**

Petition under Section 151 of C.P.C praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondents to allow the petitioners to apply for the posts of Junior Technician (Printing) with a total of 24 posts and Junior Technician (Control) with a total of 31 posts under the Category of W-1 pertaining to Security Printing Press (SPP), Hyderabad, Telangana; which are under challenge in the present writ, and are mentioned under Post Code Nos. 05 and 06 respectively in page no.9 of the said Notification Advt. No. CNPN/HR/Rect./01/2026 dt-20.04.2026, either through online or offline mode, pending disposal of WP No 17422 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of the above mentioned counsel,

The court while directing issue of notice to the Respondents herein to show cause as to why this application should not be complied with, made the following order.(The receipt of this order will be deemed to be the receipt of notice in the case);

ORDER:

**Heard Sri Avinash Yadav, learned counsel for the petitioners,
Smt. P.N.V. Mahalakshmi, learned counsel representing Sri
N.Bhujanga Rao, learned Deputy Solicitor General of India, appearing**

for the respondent No.1 and Sri Mahesh Raje, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent Nos.2 to 6.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are questioning Office Order *vide* No.CHO(HR)/Rectt/3/124/2016/258 dated 15.01.2026 issued by the respondent No.3 and the subsequent corrigendum dated 05.02.2026 issued by the respondent No.3 for amending the educational qualification for the post of Junior Technician (Printing/Control) under the category of W-I has been restricting eligibility only to ITI certified candidates in printing and other unrelated trades while excluding Diploma Holders in Printing Technology, as illegal and arbitrary.

Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that the said impugned notifications are the subject matter before the High Court of Madhya Pradesh and initially, the learned Single Judge of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh granted an interim order dated 14.05.2026 in W.P.No.17744 of 2026 and the same was challenged before the Division Bench by the respondent No.2 herein by filing Writ Appeal No.1749 of 2026 and the learned Division Bench of High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur modified the order on 27.05.2026 of the learned Single Judge and permitted the Diploma Holders to apply for the recruitment test and appear in the recruitment process. However, their results shall not be declared without leave of the Court and the appellants therein would be at liberty to conclude the recruitment process as per the rules and such recruitment process would remain subject matter of final adjudication of the writ petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that the impugned notification was challenged before the High Court of Bombay and the High Court of Bombay, Aurangabad Bench passed an interim order dated 02.06.2026 in W.P.No.5474 of 2026 permitting the petitioners therein to file their applications and directing the

respondents to accept such applications and process further in accordance with the other conditions of the recruitment. However, their result shall not be declared without the leave of the Court and granted liberty to the respondents to conclude the recruitment process as per rules and such recruitment process would remain subject matter of final adjudication of the writ petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that the impugned notifications were challenged in Writ-A No.8909 of 2026 before the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad and the High Court of Judicature, Allahabad passed an interim order dated 02.06.2026 and permitted the petitioners therein to apply for the recruitment test and appear in the recruitment process, however, their results shall not be declared without leave of the Court and also further directed that, in case the time for making an application had expired, the same shall be extended up to 10.06.2026 so as to entertain the applications filed by the petitioners therein through online process and requisite portal shall also be opened.

In view of the above circumstances, the learned counsel for the petitioners requested this Court to pass similar orders as passed by other High Courts directing the respondents to entertain the applications filed by the petitioners and similarly situated diploma holders for the post of Junior Technician (Printing) and Junior Technician (Control) under Post Code Nos.05 and 06 respectively under the category of W-1 pertaining to Security Printing Press (SPP), Hyderabad, Telangana, in the notification Advt. No.CNPN/HR/Rect./01/2026 dated 20.04.2026.

On the other hand, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent Nos.2 to 6 submit that the last date of submitting applications expired on 03.06.2026. Therefore, the question of entertaining the applications filed by the petitioners does not arise. Learned Standing Counsel further submits that the petitioners in the other High Courts approached those Courts before the last date

of application. In the instant case, the petitioners approached this Court after the expiry of the last date of application. In view of the same, learned Standing Counsel requested this Court not to grant any interim order and seeks time to file counter.

After hearing both sides and on perusal of the material available on record, this Court is of the considered view that the petitioners are questioning the amendment to the service rules issued in Office Order dated 15.01.2026 and also the corrigendum dated 05.02.2026 issued by the respondent No.2 restricting the eligibility criteria for the post of Junior Technician (Printing/Control) under the category of W-1 for the ITI certified candidates in Printing and other unrelated trades while excluding Diploma Holders in Printing Technology. The said impugned notifications have been challenged before the High Court of Madhya Pradesh and other High Courts, which have granted interim orders permitting the petitioners therein to apply and appear in the recruitment process with a direction not to announce any result while leaving the respondents at liberty to conclude the recruitment process. Any person selected and appointed would not claim any equity over and above the rights of the writ petitioners therein in case the writ petition is ultimately allowed in future and also the respondents therein are at liberty to arrive at an appropriate modality to accept the applications of the diploma holders, whether by online mode or by offline mode, as per their administrative convenience.

In the interim order passed by the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad, it was clearly mentioned that if the time for making an application had expired, the respondents have to extend the time up to 10.06.2026 for entertaining the applications filed by the Diploma Holders.

This High Court was closed for summer vacation from 07.05.2026 onwards and reopened today i.e., 08.06.2026. During the

period of summer vacation, this Court has not entertained writ petitions relating to service matters. In view of the same, the petitioners have approached this Court today by way of lunch motion and the High Court of Allahabad has already granted an interim order and extended the time for application up to 10.06.2026. Therefore, the contention of the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent Nos.2 to 6 cannot be taken into account as the petitioners did not approach this Court earlier point of time.

In view of the above circumstances, there shall be an interim direction to the respondents to permit the petitioners and similarly situated diploma holders to apply for the recruitment test in pursuance to the notification Advt. No.CNPN/HR/Rect./01/2026 dated 20.04.2026 for the posts of Junior Technician (Printing) and Junior Technician (Control) under Post Code Nos.05 and 06 respectively under the category of W-1 pertaining to Security Printing Press (SPP), Hyderabad, Telangana through online or offline mode as per administrative convenience of the respondent authorities on or before 15.06.2026 and permit them to appear in the recruitment process, in the notification. However, their results shall not be declared without leave of the Court and the respondents are at liberty to conclude the recruitment process as per rules and such recruitment process would remain subject matter of final adjudication of the writ petition. Any person selected and appointed would not claim any equity over and above the rights of the writ petitioners in case the writ petition is ultimately allowed in future.

SD/- S. MALLIKARJUNA RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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To,

1. The Secretary, Union of India, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi – 110029.
2. The Chairman and Managing Director, Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd. (SPMCIL), 3rd Floor, Tower-G, World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi – 110029.
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HIGH COURT

SK, J

DATED: 08-06-2026

**ORDER
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