

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P.(S). No. 796 of 2022

(Dr. Zafar Eqbal & Ors. Vs. the State of Jharkhand & Ors.)

with

W.P.(S). No. 793 of 2022

(Dr. Devendra Nath Tiwari & Ors. Vs. the State of Jharkhand & Ors.)

with

W.P.(S). No. 1085 of 2022

(Shakuntala Sundi & Anr. Vs. the State of Jharkhand & Ors.)

CORAM: THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DR. S.N.PATHAK

For the Petitioner	:	Mr. Abhay Kumar Mishra, Advocate Mr. Saurabh Shekhar, Advocate Mr. Ajay Kumar Pathak, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Mukesh Kumar Sinha, Sr. SC Mr. Gaurav Abhishek, AC to AG
For the JPSC	:	Mr. Sanjoy Piprawall, Advocate Mr. Rakesh Ranjan, Advocate Mr. Prince Kumar, Advocate Mr. Abhay Prakash, Advocate Mr. Amritanshu Singh, Advocate Mr. Pravin Kumar Pandey, Advocate

03/ 21.03.2022 Since the common issues are involved in these writ petitions, they are tagged and heard together.

Petitioners, are Ayush Doctors and working on contract in the State of Jharkhand.

It is the specific case of the petitioners, as argued by learned counsel for the petitioners, that after bifurcation of the States, State of Jharkhand has come-out with an advertisement for the first time, for regular appointment of Ayush Doctors. Earlier, no opportunity was given to the petitioners for regular appointment and they are continuously working on contractual basis for last 15-20 years.

It is the specific contention of learned counsel for the petitioners that petitioners are not eligible for applying as Ayush Doctors as they are over-aged on the cut-off date fixed by JPSC for applying for the advertised posts. Learned counsel for the petitioners seeks a direction upon the respondents to consider the cases of the petitioners for relaxation of age and allow them to apply for the post of Ayush Doctors. It has been further argued that similarly situated persons have already been considered in the State of Bihar in view of order passed by the Hon'ble Patna High Court. Recently, the State of Jharkhand has also considered the same and in view of order passed by this

Court, though relaxation in age has been given but the same was given only for 7 years. Learned counsel for the petitioners seeks indulgence of the Court for direction to the respondents to give age relaxation to all the Ayush Doctors, who are working on Contractual basis in the State of Jharkhand, as has been given to the similarly situated Doctors in the State of Bihar.

Under such circumstances, the respondent-State is directed to bring on record the data showing how many Ayush doctors are working in the State of Jharkhand on contractual basis as on date.

List these cases for further hearing on 23.03.2022.

The respondent-JPSC may also file counter-affidavit.

(Dr. S.N. Pathak, J.)