

**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. 864 of 2022**

(Md. Afroz Alam & Ors. Vs. The State of Jharkhand & Ors.)  
with

**W.P.(S) No. 915 of 2022**

(Dr. Anupam Ghoshal Vs. The State of Jharkhand & Ors.)  
with

**W.P.(S) No. 1006 of 2022**

(Dr. Murli Manohar Prasad & Ors. Vs. The State of Jharkhand & Ors.)  
with

**W.P.(S) No. 1082 of 2022**

(Dr. Sanjay Kumar Vs. The State of Jharkhand & Ors.)  
with

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

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

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**CORAM : HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE S.N. PATHAK**

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| For the Petitioners | : | Mr. Abhay Kumar Mishra, Advocate<br>Mr. Saurabh Shekhar, Advocate<br>Mr. Ajay Kumar Pathak, Advocate<br>Mr. Prem Pujari Roy, Advocate<br>Mr. P.K. Choudhary, Advocate<br>Mr. Ashish Verma, Advocate |
| For the Resp-State  | : | Mr. Manish Kumar, Sr.SC-II<br>Ms. Sunita Kumari, AC to Sr.SC-II<br>Ms. Pinky Tiwari, AC to AG                                                                                                       |
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5/ 13.06.2024      This Court has passed a detailed order on 23.03.2022 in following terms:-

*“.....In view of the aforesaid facts and in peculiar circumstances of the case, the respondents are directed to extend last date of filling-up of the application form pursuant to the Advertisement Nos. 09/2022, 10/2022 and 11/2022 for a further period of 15 days from today for all contractual AYUSH Doctors working in the State of Jharkhand and they may be allowed to fill-up forms for the respective posts as a*

*onetime measure giving relaxation to their age subject to fulfillment of other eligibility criteria laid down by the State. The respondents – JPSC is directed to issue Press Communique in the local New paper having wide circulation in the State of Jharkhand as well as by putting the same on its Official Website informing the arrangements made by this Court. .... “*

Today, when the case is called out, at the very outset, learned counsel appearing for the respondent-State submits that already L.P.A. No. 41 of 2024 has been preferred challenging the order dated 23.03.2022, which is pending before the Division Bench.

From perusal of the documents brought on record, it also appears that a contempt petition, being Cont. Case (Civil) No. 504 of 2022 was also preferred by some of the petitioners, wherein this Court vide order dated 31.03.2023 passed the following order:-

*“.....The opposite parties are directed not to proceed with any further in the selection process in question till outcome of this case...”*

Thereafter, the State of Jharkhand preferred S.L.P.(C) Diary No. 14446 of 2023 before the Hon’ble Apex Court and the order dated 31.03.2023 passed by this Court has been stayed by the order of the Hon’ble Apex Court vide order dated 04.05.2023.

However, the fact remains that the observations and directions passed by this Court vide order dated 23.03.2022 has not been followed till date on the ground of filing of the letters patent appeal, though there was no stay order by the Division Bench.

Respondents are directed to either comply the order passed by this Court dated 23.03.2022 or come with the stay order on or before the next date of listing of these cases.

Put up these matters on 15.07.2024.

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

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