

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P. (PIL) No. 171 of 2012

Court on its own motion Petitioner

-Versus-

State of Jharkhand and ors. Respondents

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**CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE S.CHANDRASHEKHAR**

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For the petitioner : Mr Piyush Poddar, Amicus Curiae

For the Respondent-

State : Mr.Jai Prakash, AAG

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Order no.15

Dated 24th January, 2014

1. Since in the State of Jharkhand no regular appointment on the post of Food Safety Inspectors/ Food Safety Officers has been made, the present public interest litigation was initiated.

2. It is noticed in the order dated 2.4.2013 that 29 additional posts of Food Safety Officers were already sanctioned. The matter was listed on different occasions and several directions have been passed by this Court, however, till date the posts have not been finally sanctioned and consequently no appointment has been made.

3. It has been indicated in the affidavit filed on 18th December, 2013 that the proposal for creation of 296 posts in different categories for the Office of Food Safety Commissioner was sent to the Department of Finance and the same is yet to be finalised.

4. Mr.Jai Prakash , learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the respondent-State of Jharkhand, submits that since final sanction has not been granted , initiation for filling up the post has not commenced.

5. Our attention has been drawn to the order dated 2.4.2013, wherein it has been recorded that 29 additional

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posts of Food Safety Officers have already been sanctioned, but the posts are yet to be filled up. It is admitted that there are posts on which regular appointment has not been made.

6. In view of the aforesaid, we are inclined to grant two months more time for initiating the process of appointment on the posts which have already been sanctioned and lying vacant. With respect to the proposal pending before the Finance Department, the Secretary Finance, Govt. of Jharkhand, Ranchi is directed to take final decision in the matter within a period of eight weeks and thereafter, it is expected that the State would commence the process of appointment on the additionally created posts.

7. Post this matter after eight weeks.

Issue a copy of this order to the learned Additional Advocate General, appearing for the State.

(R.Banumathi, C.J.)

(S.Chandrashekhar, J.)