

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P.(S). No. 5905 of 2018

(Sumitra Kujur and Anr. Vs. State of Jharkhand & Ors.)

02/ 11.12.2018 Learned counsel for the petitioners is permitted to implead the Secretary, Jharkhand Academic Council, Ranchi as party respondent No. 5, in course of the day.

Let notices be issued to newly added respondent No. 5, through Registered Cover with AD as well as Ordinary Process, for which requisites, etc. must be filed within a period of two weeks.

It has been submitted by Mrs. Chandra Prabha, learned counsel for the respondent-State that issue regarding recognition of Prayag Mahila Vidyapith, Allahabad has already been decided by the Hon'ble Apex Court in case of **T. Vidyasagar & Ors. Vs. State of Andhra Pradesh & Ors., Special Leave to Appeal (C). No. 11115-11119 of 1995** disposed of on **08.12.2000**, but nothing has been brought on record to show as to whether the issue involved in the present case was before the Hon'ble Apex Court or not.

However, from perusal of Annexure-3 it transpires that Commissioner, South Chhotanagpur Division, Ranchi has rejected the case of the petitioner for appointment on the ground of letter dated 26.09.2018, issued by Director, Higher Education, Uttar Pradesh, whereby it has been informed that no University in the name of Prayag Mahila Vidyapith, Allahabad (Women University) is running either as State University or Central University.

Contrary to that, Secretary of Jharkhand Academic Council has made correspondences with the Secretary of Prayag Mahila Vidyapith, Allahabad vide letter dated 13.12.2005 and the Secretary of the Prayag Mahila Vidyapith, Allahabad has also made correspondence to the husband of the petitioner regarding existence and recognition of Prayag Mahila Vidyapith, Allahabad.

Let the respondent-State file a specific affidavit as to how and under what circumstances these contradictory statements have been made and also bring the documents showing the existence/non-existence of Prayag Mahila Vidyapith, Allahabad.

List this case after five weeks.

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