

**HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT JAMMU**

WP(C) No. 1712/2023
CM No. 4005/2023

Neeru Devi and another Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. Arshad Majid Malik, Advocate

Vs

UT of J&K and others Respondent(s)

Through:

Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAHUL BHARTI, JUDGE

ORDER
04.07.2023

Heard learned counsel for the petitioners.

The two petitioners are Anganwadi Helpers with respect to their respective Anganwadi Centers. The engagement of the petitioners as Anganwadi Helpers is said to be lasting for more than ten years. The petitioners reckon that, by virtue of the policy decision at the end of the Govt. of India, Ministry of Women & Child Development, the Anganwadi Helpers who have put in more than ten years of satisfactory service ought to be accommodated for upgradation as Anganwadi Workers.

The petitioners' cause of action for coming up with the present writ petition is the issuance of an advertisement notice no. 01 of 2023 dated 11.04.2023 whereby with respect to the

Anganwadi Centres at Jammu applications have been invited for engagement as Anganwadi Workers (now known as Sanginis).

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have a legitimate expectation of consideration for their upgradation as Anganwadi Workers quo their respective Anganwadi Centers in reference to the policy decision aforementioned and as such to that extent the advertisement notice no. 01 of 2023 dated 11.04.2023 shall prejudice their entitlement for consideration.

Prima facie case is made out.

Issue notice to the respondents.

Petitioners to furnish registered postal covers for service of the respondents within a period of seven days, whereupon the Registrar Judicial, Jammu to issue notices to the respondents.

In the meantime, with respect to the Anganwadi Centres in which the petitioners are working as Anganwadi Helpers the exercise for engagement as Anganwadi Workers pursuant to the aforementioned notice shall remain in abeyance.

List this case on 18.08.2023.

(Rahul Bharti)
Judge

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