



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.19360 of 2024

Dr. Neelima Katti

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Petitioner

Mr. S.K. Das, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha and others

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Opposite parties

Mr. N.K. Praharaj, AGA

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

ORDER

09.08.2024

Order No.

01.

(This matter is taken up through virtual mode)

1. This matter is taken up through virtual mode and for hearing on Special Notice.
2. Heard Mr. Das, learned counsel for the petitioner.
3. Instant writ petition is filed by the petitioner challenging the impugned decision under Annexure-7 and consequential order of cancellation dated 31st July, 2024 as per Annexure-8 and also to quash the advertisements dated 4th August, 2024 and 5th August, 2024 as at Annexure-9 series and to direct opposite party No.3 to appoint her as against the post of Assistant Professor (Contractual) in the discipline of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry pursuant to advertisement dated 4th June, 2024 (Annexure-4) and provisional merit list published on 13th June, 2024 and to grant her all other consequential service and financial benefits within a stipulated period.
4. Mr. Das, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner ought to have been appointed after the selection process with provisional merit list published, hence, the same could not have



been cancelled vide Annexure-7 on the premise that it has not been held and concluded as per the terms of the resolution dated 25th April, 2022 of the Government Odisha in Health and Family Welfare Department. It is further submitted that in the meantime, advertisement dated 4th August, 2024 has been published for walk-in interview to be held on 12th August, 2024. Hence, it is submitted by Mr. Das, learned counsel that since the entire process with the selection has been cancelled vide Annexure-7, the same is not legally tenable and thus, liable to be set aside.

5. In view of the facts pleaded on record and submission of Mr. Das, learned counsel for the petitioner, the Court is inclined to consider the response of the opposite parties.

6. Hence, it is ordered.

7. Notice.

8. Mr. Praharaj, learned AGA for the State accepts notice for the opposite parties and an extra copy of the writ petition with annexures is requested to be served on him in course of the day.

9. Awaiting response and reply of the State, list the matter on 21st August, 2024 for orders.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

02.

I.A. No.10421 of 2024

1. Heard Mr. Das, learned counsel for the petitioner.



2. Instant petition is filed by the petitioner challenging the impugned decision under Annexure-7 and for consequential orders.
3. Considering the submission of Mr. Das, learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court, as an interim measure, though not inclined to stay the walk-in interview to be held on 12th August, 2024 as per Annexure-9 series, allows the petitioner to appear for the post advertised but final selection with the merit list shall not be published without its leave.
4. List on the date fixed.
5. Urgent copy of the order be issued as per rules and in course of the day and to be uploaded in the Court's Website forthwith.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge