

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
BENCH AT JAIPUR

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 11692/2025

Manish Kumar Meena S/o Shri Ramdev Meena
-----Petitioner
Versus
State Of Rajasthan
-----Respondent

Connected With
S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 10444/2025
Sunil Sharma Son Of Shri Banshidhar Sharma
-----Petitioner
Versus
State Of Rajasthan
-----Respondent

For Petitioner(s)	:	Mr. R.N. Mathur, Sr. Adv. assisted by Mr. Utkarsh Dubey Mr. Ashok Bansal
For Respondent(s)	:	Ms. Mahi Yadav, AAG with Mr. Aditya Godara Mr. Prakhar Jain for Mr. Archit Bohra, AGC

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SAMEER JAIN

Order

06/01/2026

In the instant matters, learned counsel for the petitioners have unanimously submitted that the issue under consideration is that the prescribed application form did not disclose or stipulate the material requirement relating to pendency of any criminal case against the applicant. Learned counsel has placed reliance upon the ratio passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Ravindra Kumar Vs. State of Uttar Pradesh & Ors. reported in (2024) 5 SCC 264**. Learned counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that non-disclosure of a criminal case cannot, by itself,

be treated as fatal to employment. It is also submitted that several relevant factors are required to be taken into consideration, including the nature and gravity of the offence, the timing and status of the criminal case, the nature of the judgment of acquittal, the nature of the query contained in the application form, the contents of the character verification report, the socio-economic background of the candidate, and other relevant antecedents.

Heard.

In spite of the notices having been issued way back in the month of August, 2025, no reply has been filed on behalf of the respondent-State. The matter is of substantial importance and is likely to have far-reaching consequences upon the State/respondents, thence, pleadings are ought to be completed, promptly.

If the reply is not filed on or before 09.01.2026, appropriate costs shall be imposed upon the Principal Secretary, as well as the Officer In-charge, concerned.

List the matter on 13.01.2026, for final disposal.

(SAMEER JAIN),J