

respondents. The State, has however filed its counter affidavit stating that the private respondents were given seniority over the petitioners as the post of lecturers on which they were promoted fell vacant prior to the time when the petitioners were given appointment.

4. The petitioners now contend that promotion to the post of Principal in Higher Secondary School is under consideration and promotions will be made as per the seniority, which is presently under challenge.

5. In view of the fact as stated by the learned Senior Advocate Mr. Manoj Tiwari before this Court as well as the fact that in spite of service, the private respondents have failed to put in their appearance, as an interim measure, it is hereby directed that the respondents/State not to give effect to the seniority list, which is presently under challenge before this Court in the present writ petition, in any future promotions.

6. List this matter after three weeks in daily cause list. Private respondents may file their counter affidavits in the meanwhile.

7. Stay application (CLMA) No.14108 of 2012 stands disposed of.

(Sudhanshu Dhulia, J.)

30.06.2014

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