

ITEM NO.39

COURT NO.8

SECTION X

**S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A**  
**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s). 132/2016

RAJNEESH KUMAR PANDEY &amp; ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA &amp; ORS.

Respondent(s)

[TO BE TAKEN UP AT 3.00 P.M.] [STATE OF KERALA, MADHYA PRADESH,  
DELHI, BIHAR AND JHARKHAND TO BE HEARD]  
IA No. 330233/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

WITH

Diary No(s). 51301/2025 (X)

IA No. 277287/2025 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION

Diary No(s). 52515/2025 (X)

Diary No(s). 54064/2025 (X)

IA No. 239359/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

Diary No(s). 57696/2025 (X)

IA No. 254489/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 254498/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 591/2022 in W.P.(C) No. 132/2016 (X)

IA No. 160599/2025 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION

IA No. 5723/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 157707/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 160600/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 136828/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 156275/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 5722/2023 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 156274/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 31726/2023 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 156466/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/  
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CONMT.PET.(C) No. 856/2023 in W.P.(C) No. 132/2016 (X)

IA No. 297046/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

IA No. 62867/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Diary No(s). 10073/2024 (X)

IA No. 75509/2024 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 55972/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Diary No(s). 27076/2024 (X)

IA No. 133338/2024 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING  
 IA No. 133339/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Diary No(s). 40533/2024 (X)

IA No. 210700/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS  
 IA No. 201178/2024 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING  
 IA No. 200950/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT  
 IA No. 157415/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT  
 IA No. 243939/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 589-591/2025 in W.P.(C) No. 132/2016 (X)

IA No. 281751/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS  
 IA No. 285356/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT  
 IA No. 269600/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT  
 IA No. 244205/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT  
 IA No. 189103/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT  
 IA No. 38065/2026 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT  
 IA No. 15253/2026 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT  
 IA No. 309336/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 554-556/2025 in W.P.(C) No. 132/2016 (X)

IA No. 269063/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 520-522/2025 in W.P.(C) No. 132/2016 (X)

IA No. 156720/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
 IA No. 282001/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 603-605/2025 in W.P.(C) No. 132/2016 (X)

IA No. 167407/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
 IA No. 273417/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

Diary No(s). 44233/2025 (X)

IA No. 190229/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING  
 IA No. 219743/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

Diary No(s). 46686/2025 (X)

IA No. 202571/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING  
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Diary No(s). 46953/2025 (X)

IA No. 211158/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING  
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Diary No(s). 47542/2025 (X)

IA No. 208201/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

Diary No(s). 50342/2025 (X)

IA No. 221053/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

Diary No(s). 50639/2025 (X)

IA No. 305372/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS  
 IA No. 222174/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 305373/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

W.P.(C) No. 876/2017 (X)

IA No. 326913/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

IA No. 29329/2018 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 327086/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 7557/2019 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 29969/2018 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

W.P.(C) No. 1099/2023 (X)

FOR ADMISSION

Diary No(s). 46243/2024 (X)

IA No. 230583/2024 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 230575/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 37532/2026 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 2518/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/  
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Diary No(s). 51158/2024 (X)

IA No. 252704/2024 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 272685/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

Diary No(s). 10426/2025 (X)

IA No. 52265/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 52273/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 72760/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

Diary No(s). 12749/2025 (XVI)

IA No. 164101/2025 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION

IA No. 85261/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 164103/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 85262/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

SLP(C) No. 16838/2025 (XIV)

IA No. 326918/2025 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION

IA No. 146998/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED  
JUDGMENT

IA No. 265960/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 222659/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 147198/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 285364/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/  
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IA No. 222661/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE APPLICATION FOR DIRECTION

Diary No(s). 73405/2025 (X)

IA No. 332877/2025 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION

IA No. 23780/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Diary No(s). 6331/2026 (X)

IA No. 33811/2026 - APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM FILING THE  
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OF RESPONDENT/CONTEMNOR WITH AFFIDAVIT

IA No. 33812/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 33810/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

SLP(C) No. 1607-1608/2026 (XII-A)  
FOR ADMISSION

Date : 21-04-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

**KERALA:**

1. Ms. Poornima Singh, learned counsel appears for the Union of India and submits that the affidavit, required in terms of the previous order dated 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2026, has been filed yesterday evening and that a copy thereof has been shared with Mr. Nishe Rajen Shonker, Advocate on Record for the State of Kerala.
2. Mr. P.V. Dinesh, learned senior counsel representing the State of Kerala seeks and is granted two weeks' time to file its response to the said affidavit.
3. Relist on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.

**MADHYA PRADESH:**

4. Contempt Petition [C] Nos.520-522/2025 is at the instance of 85 contractual teachers. They allege willful and deliberate violation of the orders dated 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2021, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 and 07<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 passed by this Court in W.P. [C] No.132 of 2016.

5. Mr. Vishnu Shanker Jain, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners, in such contempt petition submits that all of them are possessing qualifications required by the RCI<sup>1</sup> and that since their terms are due to end on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2026, suitable orders may be passed by extending such terms.

6. Issue notice. Alleged contemnor(s)/respondent(s) need not remain personally present, unless required.

7. Mr. Amit Sharma, learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the State of Madhya Pradesh, accepts notice.

8. We are informed by Mr. Sharma that a Screening Committee has been constituted for the purpose of examining the credentials of the (contractual) special teachers and that the petitioners may be directed to present themselves before the Screening Committee for verification of their respective qualifications.

7. Having heard Mr. Jain and Mr. Sharma, we direct that till 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2026 or until further orders, whichever is earlier, the service of the 85 petitioners as well as all other (contractual) special teachers, who are in position as on date, shall not be disturbed. Their terms may be suitably extended to comply with this order.

8. In the meanwhile, however, the petitioners may appear before the Screening Committee on a date to be notified and communicated to Mr. Jain. The Screening Committee will proceed to verify the qualifications of the

<sup>1</sup> Rehabilitation Council of India(

(contractual) special teachers and submit a report before this Court in a sealed cover on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2026.

9. The process which has been undertaken pursuant to the advertisement dated 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 to fill up the other vacant posts, leaving aside 232 posts for the (contractual) special teachers in terms of the order dated 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, shall continue.

**BIHAR:**

10. An affidavit dated 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 has been filed. It is revealed therefrom that the sanctioned posts of special teachers for Children with Special Needs is 7279 of which 816 posts are earmarked for (contractual) special teachers.

11. It is also revealed that the Selection Committee duly constituted in terms of the order dated 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 has verified the credentials of 139 (contractual) special teachers who have been found to qualify the Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) as well as possess the R.C.I. required qualifications.

12. In such view of the matter, we direct the State to take immediate steps for regularization of the service of such 139 (contractual) special teachers within a month from date.

13. The process with regard to verification of the balance 649 candidates shall also be taken to its logical conclusion. However, final merit list, if prepared, may not be given effect without obtaining the leave of the Court.

14. In the event the (contractual) special teachers who are ultimately appointed in terms of this order are not paid at par with the regular teachers in terms of the order dated 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, we grant liberty to them to bring such omission to our notice.

15. Re-list three weeks hence.

**JHARKHAND:**

16. An affidavit dated 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 has been filed by the State of Jharkhand. The number of sanctioned posts for special teachers is 3451 of which 211(contractual) special teachers are in position.

17. Mr. Dwivedi, learned Standing Counsel for the State submits that Screening Committee has been constituted and that such Committee shall verify the qualifications of the said 211 (contractual) special teachers within a month.

18. Should such (contractual) special teachers be found to possess the requisite educational qualifications as well as qualification relating to work experience, the State of Jharkhand may proceed to regularize their service in accordance with the terms contained in the order dated 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.

**DELHI:**

19. Advertisements were issued in 2022 and 2023 for filling up 945 posts of special teachers. Ms. Swati Ghildiyal, learned counsel appearing for NCT, Delhi submits that because of interim orders passed by this Court, results have been put on hold though the selection process is complete.

20. If indeed that be so, the Select List of 945 candidates shall be presented before this Court on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 in a sealed cover.

21. Since 1771 posts reportedly are still to be filled up out of the sanctioned posts of 4313 and according to Ms. Swati 945 candidates have already been selected, we propose to make directions on the next date for consideration of the claims of all the (contractual) special teachers who are in position as on

today, subject to eligibility.

22. We propose to take up the cases related to the States of Delhi once again on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 at 3:00 p.m., along with the cases pertaining to the States of Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Chattisgarh.

**(ASHA SUNDRIYAL)**  
**DEPUTY REGISTRAR**

**(JATINDER KAUR)**  
**P.S. to REGISTRAR**

**(DIVYA BABBAR)**  
**COURT MASTER (NSH)**