

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

WRIT PETITION(S) (CIVIL) NO.132/2016

RAJNEESH KUMAR PANDEY & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 141285/2023 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
IA No. 141284/2023 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA NO.330233/2025-APPLICATION FOR 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. 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. 5723/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 157707/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 156274/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 31726/2023 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 5722/2023 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 156466/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

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. 243939/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 200950/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 157415/2025 - 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. 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
IA No. 285356/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 269600/2025 - 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)

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Diary No(s). 47542/2025 (X)

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(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. 29969/2018 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 327086/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 7557/2019 - 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
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DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

Diary No(s). 51158/2024 (X)
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IA No. 272685/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT)

Diary No(s). 10426/2025 (X)
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IA No. 72760/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT)

Diary No(s). 12749/2025 (XVI)
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IA No. 85261/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING
IA No. 85262/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 164103/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

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IA No. 146998/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT
IA No. 147198/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 265960/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 222659/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 285364/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES
IA No. 222661/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE APPLICATION FOR DIRECTION)

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

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

1. Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) shall file an affidavit within ten days indicating therein the qualifications that are required to be possessed by candidates who aspire to be Special Educators for imparting education to Children with Special Needs (CwSN). Such affidavit shall, in particular, indicate whether individuals who aspire to be Special Educators to impart lessons to the CwSN from classes I to

VIII are required to qualify in the Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) or not, in terms of the provisions contained in the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009.

2. Similar such information with regard to requisite qualifications for Special Educators for imparting lessons to the CwSN admitted in the Secondary Schools (9th and 10th) shall be also provided.

3. In filing the aforesaid affidavit, the RCI must bear in mind the contents of the affidavit filed on behalf of the Union of India dated 25.02.2026 in furtherance of this Court's order dated 17.02.2026.

West Bengal:

4. Mr. Grover, learned senior counsel for the State of West Bengal has filed a 'status report' indicating the status of appointment of Special Educators in the State as on 07.04.2026.

5. Paragraphs 10 and 11 of such report, in respect of contractual teachers, are quoted hereunder:

"10. It may be noted that in Primary Level out of 360 Special Educators only 29 of them have TET qualification and in Secondary Level out of 680 Special Educators 192 of them have TET qualification.

11. Regularization letters for 360 Special Educators in Primary Level have been issued. The process of issuance of regularization letters for 680 Special Educators in Secondary Level is underway. Out of 680 Special Educators, 95 candidates have been issued regularization letters and the remaining candidates will be issued letters on 07.04.2026 and 08.04.2026."

6. We permit the State to proceed with regularization of the remaining candidates subject to further orders being passed upon consideration of the aforesaid affidavit to be filed by the RCI.

Kerala:

7. “A better affidavit” was called for by an order dated 04.11.2025 from the State of Kerala. Mr. Dinesh, learned senior counsel for the State, submits that the said order has been complied with and an affidavit has since been filed whereupon he places reliance. According to him, it is mainly due to lack of funds, to be provided by the Central Government, that is impeding progress.

8. Mr. Basant, learned senior counsel has taken serious exception to the contents of such affidavit. According to him, every other State, with or without funds from the Central Government, has been taking steps for complying with the earlier orders of this Court and hence there is no reason why Kerala would be lacking in its effort.

9. Since the affidavit reflects that the State of Kerala expects funds from the Central Government, which have allegedly not been released, we require the Central Government to deal with such affidavit by filing a reply within a week from date. Rejoinder of the State of Kerala thereto, if any, may be filed within seven days thereafter.

10. We propose to take up the matters related to the State of Kerala on 21.04.2026.

Odisha:

11. We have perused the affidavit dated 13.10.2025.

12. We have heard Mr. Rishi Malhotra, learned Amicus Curiae and Mr. Prakash Ranjan Nayak, learned counsel appearing for the State of Odisha.

13. Paragraph 5 of the affidavit dated 13.10.2025 reads as follows:

“5. That, in compliance with the directions of this Hon’ble Court, it is respectfully submitted that out of 632 nos of Block Resource Persons sanctioned posts @2 per block) (Contractual) by PAB under Samagra Shiksha, 572 Block Resource Persons (BRP) with RCI qualification (Diploma/Degree) are in position. They are getting monthly salary of Rs. 16940/- (including EPF share). They are running Block Resource Centres and provide resource support to school teachers and CwSN.”

14. Learned amicus suggests that the State ought to be directed to proceed for screening of the 572 persons named in the aforesaid extract and to ascertain their eligibility for regularization. Mr. Nayak invites an order to that effect.

15. Let the State of Odisha consider the cases of the 572 Block Resource Persons with RCI qualification (diploma or degree) who are presently in position; if they satisfy the eligibility criteria in terms of the applicable rules as well as the order of this Court dated 07.3.2026, the process for their regularisation may be taken to its logical conclusion without any delay.

16. We grant the State of Odisha four weeks’ time for the present to secure compliance of this order. Progress report shall be filed by next date (05.05.2026).

Uttar Pradesh:

17. Mr. Ankit Goel, learned counsel representing the State of Uttar Pradesh, submits that in pursuance of the earlier orders of this Court, 540 RCI qualified candidates have been screened, and appropriate recommendations have been made which are pending consideration at the appropriate level.

18. In view of such submission, we direct the State of Uttar Pradesh to proceed to take an appropriate decision to appoint such of those candidates who are qualified within a period of a month from date.

19. Progress made to comply with this order shall be reported on 05.05.2026.

I.A.No. 330233/2025:

20. Issue notice.

21. Mr. Goel, learned counsel, accepts notice for the respondent(s).

22. Let a reply affidavit be filed by ten days.

23. Re-list I.A. on 21.04.2026 along with the other matters.

I.A. No.72760/2025 in C.P.(C) Dy. No.10426/2025:

24. Issue notice.

25. We propose to take up the cases related to the States of Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Bihar and Jharkhand on 21.04.2026 at 3:00 P.M.

(RADHA SHARMA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)