

ITEM NO.35

COURT NO.9

SECTION X

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(s). 132/2016

RAJNEESH KUMAR PANDEY &amp; ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA &amp; ORS.

Respondent(s)

MR. RISHI MALHOTRA (AMICUS CURIAE) .....[ TO BE TAKEN UP AT  
3:30 P.M. ]

IA No. 50471/2021 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION  
IA No. 37238/2021 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION  
IA No. 249910/2023 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION  
IA No. 123252/2020 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION  
IA No. 74824/2021 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION  
IA No. 190123/2019 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS  
IA No. 116366/2022 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS  
IA No. 113310/2022 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS  
IA No. 23736/2019 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS  
IA No. 97659/2018 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS  
IA No. 174218/2018 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS  
IA No. 146547/2019 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS  
IA No. 209948/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS  
IA No. 146274/2019 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS  
IA No. 16355/2020 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS  
IA No. 82136/2024 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS  
IA No. 115912/2018 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION  
IA No. 21055/2018 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION  
IA No. 97663/2018 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION  
IA No. 221349/2025 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION  
IA No. 141285/2023 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION  
IA No. 208330/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING  
IA No. 98958/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT  
IA No. 78979/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT  
IA No. 196023/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
IA No. 221641/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
IA No. 22022/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
IA No. 179663/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
IA No. 173591/2019 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
IA No. 59478/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
IA No. 128163/2017 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
IA No. 2/2016 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
IA No. 16358/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
IA No. 208579/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
IA No. 208331/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
IA No. 226489/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
IA No. 9/2017 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
IA No. 30082/2018 - GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF

IA No. 74820/2021 - GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF  
 IA No. 86670/2016 - IA FOR IMPLEADMENT  
 IA No. 27854/2017 - IMPLEADMENT, DIRECTION, OT  
 IA No. 98109/2018 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION  
 IA No. 126356/2017 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION  
 IA No. 166257/2023 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION  
 IA No. 97652/2018 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION  
 IA No. 141284/2023 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION  
 IA No. 223523/2025 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION  
 IA No. 146263/2019 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT  
 IA No. 74381/2021 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT  
 IA No. 82130/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT  
 IA No. 107257/2018 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT  
 IA No. 98708/2019 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT  
 IA No. 190121/2019 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT  
 IA No. 21051/2018 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT  
 IA No. 221639/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT  
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 IA No. 246688/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT  
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 IA No. 128768/2022 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT  
 IA No. 6824/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/  
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 IA No. 131315/2018 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/  
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 IA No. 3/2017 - PERMISSION TO FILE ANNEXURES  
 IA No. 221640/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE APPLICATION FOR DIRECTION  
 IA No. 1/2016 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES  
 IA No. 3920/2024 - RECALLING THE COURTS ORDER

WITH

W.P.(C) No. 876/2017 (X)  
 IA No. 29329/2018 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
 IA No. 7557/2019 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT  
 IA No. 29969/2018 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

CONTEMPT PETITION(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. 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

CONTEMPT PETITION(C) No. 856/2023 in W.P.(C) No. 132/2016 (X)  
 IA No. 62867/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

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

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. 201178/2024 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING  
 IA No. 157415/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT  
 IA No. 243939/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

Diary No(s). 46243/2024 (X)  
 IA No. 230583/2024 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING  
 IA No. 230575/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

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. 146998/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED  
 JUDGMENT  
 IA No. 147198/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

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

IA No. 189103/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

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

CONTEMPT PETITION(C) No. 520-522/2025 in W.P.(C) No. 132/2016 (X)  
IA No. 156720/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

CONTEMPT PETITION(C) No. 603-605/2025 in W.P.(C) No. 132/2016 (X)  
IA No. 167407/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

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  
IA No. 202570/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Diary No(s). 46953/2025 (X)

IA No. 211158/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING  
IA No. 211159/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

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. 222174/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

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

1. Pursuant to our earlier order dated 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, we have taken up the appointment processes in respect of the States of Jharkhand, Punjab, Nagaland, Odisha and NCT of Delhi for consideration.

**JHARKHAND:**

2. From the affidavit filed on behalf of the State of Jharkhand dated 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2025, we find that 3451 posts of special teachers have been sanctioned of which 211 posts are earmarked for contractual/ad hoc teachers.

3. Mr. Rajiv Shankar Dwivedi, learned Standing Counsel for the State of Jharkhand submits that instructions have been issued by the appropriate authority for initiating the process of recruitment of special teachers on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 for 3240 (3451 - 211) posts. However, the affidavit is silent in this behalf.

4. We require the State of Jharkhand to file a further affidavit by two weeks

from date indicating therein the approximate date on which the advertisement inviting applications shall be published and the proposed dates for completing the process of selection of special teachers.

5. Learned counsel appears for the applicants in Contempt Petition Nos. 554-556 of 2025. Notice has been issued on the earlier date but counsel for the alleged contemnor(s)/respondent(s) is yet to receive a copy of the contempt petition. The applicant/petitioner shall furnish a copy of the petition.

6. Let counter affidavit be filed by three weeks.

7. Rejoinder, if any, be filed within a week thereafter.

PUNJAB:

8. The State of Punjab has filed an affidavit dated 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2025. The number of posts sanctioned is 3600 which has been notified on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2025.

9. It appears from the affidavit that initially process has been initiated for filling up 1100 posts. We also find from the affidavit that 375 contractual/*ad hoc* teachers have been identified. It is submitted by learned amicus curiae, referring to paragraph 5 of the affidavit, that the Screening Committee has recommended 12 contractual teachers for regularisation.

10. Learned counsel for the State of Punjab submits that three months' time may be given for completing the process.

11. The prayer is allowed.

12. The State of Punjab shall carry forward the process of recruitment and report compliance by 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2025. Further affidavit pleading compliance shall be filed on that date failing which serious consequences could ensue.

NAGALAND:

13. The State of Nagaland has filed an affidavit dated 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2025. It is stated therein that 36 posts of special teachers have been sanctioned which has been notified on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2025. The affidavit further states that 46 contractual teachers have been identified and an advertisement has been published on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2005 inviting applications from eligible candidates. It is also stated in the affidavit that on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2025, the Screening Committee has been constituted.

14. Ms. K. Enatoli Sema, learned counsel appearing for the State submits that there is a proposal to convert 34 posts of special teachers and that such proposal is under consideration of the competent authority.

15. We direct the State of Nagaland to carry forward the process of appointment and report developments by 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2025. An affidavit of compliance shall be filed on that date.

DELHI:

16. The State (NCT of Delhi) has filed an affidavit dated 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2025. We have heard Mr. Malhotra, learned Amicus Curaie, Mr. Gopal Sankaranarayanan, learned senior counsel, Ms. Rukhmini Bobde, learned counsel and Mr. Jitendra Mohan Sharma, learned senior counsel for the applicant in IA No. 223523 of 2023.

17. We require a better affidavit from the NCT of Delhi indicating therein the full particulars of 1443 contractual teachers whose RCI registration has been found to be active.

18. The affidavit shall also indicate how many of these 1443 have been subjected to screening by the Screening Committee and found suitable for appointment on substantive basis.

19. Issue notice on I.A. No. 223523 of 2023.

20. Two weeks' time is granted to file the better affidavit. List on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2025.
21. The cases relating to appointment of special teachers in the States of Odisha, Delhi, Kerala, Manipur and Rajasthan shall be taken up on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.
22. Interim relief, granted earlier, shall continue till the next date of hearing.

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

**(SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)**  
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