

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 & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

MR. RISHI MALHOTRA (AMICUS CURIAE)[TO BE TAKEN UP AT
12:00 NOON]

- IA No. 74824/2021 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
- 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. 146274/2019 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
- IA No. 16355/2020 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
- 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. 82136/2024 - 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. 141285/2023 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
- IA No. 115912/2018 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
- IA No. 21055/2018 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
- IA No. 21822/2024 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
- IA No. 97663/2018 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
- IA No. 98958/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT
- IA No. 78979/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT
- IA No. 2/2016 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
- IA No. 16358/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
- IA No. 59478/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
- IA No. 9/2017 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
- IA No. 22022/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
- IA No. 173591/2019 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
- IA No. 128163/2017 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
- IA No. 74820/2021 - GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF
- IA No. 30082/2018 - GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF
- IA No. 86670/2016 - IA FOR IMPLEADMENT
- IA No. 27854/2017 - IMPLEADMENT, DIRECTION, OT
- IA No. 97652/2018 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
- IA No. 141284/2023 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
- IA No. 98109/2018 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
- IA No. 126356/2017 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
- IA No. 166257/2023 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION

IA No. 174217/2018 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 146544/2019 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 28942/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 97651/2018 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 30187/2018 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 129598/2018 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 146273/2019 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 16351/2020 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 74815/2021 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 128768/2022 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
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IA No. 82130/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 131315/2018 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
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IA No. 29329/2018 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
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IA No. 7557/2019 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

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IA No. 157415/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

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

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IA No. 52273/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 72760/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

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IA No. 164101/2025 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
IA No. 85261/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING
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IA No. 167407/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

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

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.

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

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

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

1. These matters are listed today for reporting compliance of the earlier directions of this Court.
2. Mr. Rishi Malhotra, learned amicus curiae has placed a chart before us summarizing the steps taken by various State Governments and Union Territory administrations. According to him, except for a few States which have taken steps for substantially complying with the earlier directions, most of the States/Union Territories have faltered.
3. Accepting the suggestion of the learned amicus curiae, we propose to take up these matters for consideration once every week with focus on the steps taken by five States/Union Territories at a time.

Chhattisgarh

4. Mr. K.M. Nataraj, learned Additional Solicitor General appearing for the State of Chhattisgarh submits that there are no contractual/adhoc teachers in such State. It is further submitted by Mr. Nataraj that advertisement for filling up 100 vacancies of special educators was issued on 29th July, 2025. However, he is presently not in a position to indicate the number of applications received pursuant to such advertisement.

5. Be that as it may, we require the State of Chhattisgarh to complete the process of selection as early as possible but not later than 31st October, 2025.
6. Mr. Kaustubh Shukla, learned counsel appears for Rehabilitation Council of India Trade Teachers' Association of Chhattisgarh. He denies the submission advanced on behalf of the State of Chhattisgarh that there are no contractual/adhoc teachers employed in the State. The Association shall be at liberty to file an affidavit placing on record documents to show that some of its members are indeed employed on contractual/adhoc basis.
7. Let such affidavit be filed within four weeks from the date with advance copy to the learned advocate-on-record for the State of Chhattisgarh.
8. In the event, upon perusal of the affidavit, the State finds the assertions made therein to be true, the order dated 7th March, 2025 insofar as the same relates to contractual/adhoc teachers, shall be complied with by the State.
9. A compliance affidavit by the State with advance copy to the amicus curiae shall be filed by 7th November, 2025.

Meghalaya

10. Mr. Avijit Mani Tripathi, learned counsel for the State of Meghalaya submits that 283 posts have been sanctioned for the purpose of appointment of special teachers and a notification to this effect dated 30th July, 2025 has been issued. He further submits that there are 106 special teachers who have the requisite certificate issued by the Rehabilitation Council of India¹. The process of screening of these 106 candidates is in progress and a final decision as to whether these 106 teachers should be regularized or not would be taken by 31st October, 2025. It is also submitted by him that after filling up such number of posts by contractual teachers who are to be regularized, the remaining posts

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shall be filled upon issuing appropriate advertisement in compliance with the order of this Court dated 7th March, 2025.

11. A compliance affidavit shall be filed by the State of Meghalaya by 7th November, 2025.

Bihar

12. Learned counsel for the State of Bihar refers to its affidavit dated 8th August, 2025 and submits that 7279 posts of special teachers have been sanctioned and notified on 17th April, 2025. It is further submitted that the Bihar Public Service Commission has published an advertisement dated 19th June, 2025 inviting applications for appointment on such 7279 posts with 28th July, 2025 being the last date for filing applications.

13. The affidavit is however, silent with regard to number of applications received.

14. Be that as it may, it is further submitted by learned counsel for the State that 816 posts have been kept apart for being filled up by contractual/adhoc teachers, upon verification of their credentials.

15. Our attention is drawn to paragraph 12 of such affidavit in support of the contention that the selection process is in progress and that the Screening Committee, constituted in terms of the order dated 7th March, 2025, is scheduled to meet in the 2nd week of August, 2025.

16. We find that the State of Bihar has partially complied with the directions. However, the State of Bihar is granted liberty to file a further affidavit by 7th November, 2025 indicating therein the progress achieved since filing of the affidavit dated 8th August, 2025.

17. We observe that, in the event, any teacher who is presently working as contractual/adhoc basis and is having the certificate of RCI has not been notified

to appear before the Screening Committee, such candidate may immediately approach Mr. Dinesh Kumar, Secretary, Education Department, Bihar within a period of seven days. If any request from any such contractual/ad hoc teacher is received by the Secretary, Education Department, Bihar, his/her candidature be verified and if found eligible, he/she may be considered along with the other contractual/ad hoc teachers.

Himachal Pradesh

18. The State of Himachal Pradesh has filed an affidavit wherein it is stated that 245 posts of Special Educators (138 posts for pre-primary to class V) and (107 posts for class VI to Class XII) have been notified vide notification dated 16th August, 2024. It is further stated therein, the State of Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education, Dharamshala was given instructions to conduct Teacher Eligibility Test² for Special Educators for the aforesaid posts on 11th June, 2025 and that the result has been declared on 13th August, 2025.

19. In such view of the matter, we grant liberty to the State of Himachal Pradesh to proceed with the process of appointment of qualified teachers in accordance with the merit list by 31st October, 2025.

20. A compliance affidavit shall be filed by 7th November, 2025.

Jharkhand

21. None has appeared for the State of Jharkhand.

22. We would like to hear the version of the State on the next date.

I.A. No.21822/2024, I.A. No.22058/2024, I.A. No.28659/2024 and I.A. No.28942/2024

23. Learned counsel for the applicant seeks permission to withdraw the above interlocutory applications.

24. Permission granted.

25. I.A. No.21822/2024, I.A. No.22058/2024, I.A. No.28659/2024 and I.A. No.28942/2024 are dismissed as withdrawn.

26. The cases relating to appointment of special teachers in the States of Jharkhand, Delhi, Orissa, Punjab and Nagaland shall be taken up on 23rd September, 2025 at 3.30 p.m.

27. Interim relief granted earlier shall continue without prejudice to the objection that has been taken today on behalf of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi with regard to its continuation, on the next date of hearing, i.e., 23rd September, 2025.

(KAVITA PAHUJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)