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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY NAGPUR BENCH : NAGPUR

WRIT PETITION NO. 391/2023

(Shri Purushottam Ramkrushna Bahetwar & ors. Vs. State of Maharashtra)

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram, Court's or Judge's orders appearances, Court's orders of directions and Registrar's orders

Mrs. G. Venkatraman, Advocate for petitioners. Mr. A. S. Fulzele, Addl. Government Pleader for State. Mr. Nitin Lambat, Advocate for respondent No.3.

CORAM: VINAY JOSHI AND SMT. M. S. JAWALKAR, JJ. DATED : 16/07/2024.

Heard.

The petitioners have been appointed on the post of 2. "Visiting Lecturer" at Government Polytechnic College across the State. It is petitioners' contention that in response to the advertisement, interviews and by following regular process, they have been appointed on regular vacant posts. Their appointments is continued on year to year basis and they are working as such for last 3 to 10 years. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that though they have been appointed as visiting lecturers, however they are in regular employment and seeking the said relief. The learned counsel appearing for petitioners upon instructions, made a statement that out of 143 petitioners, still 93 petitioners are working on the said post. According to the petitioners, instead of regularizing them,



the respondents are initiating process of recruitment which would be at petitioners' detriment.

3. The learned counsel appearing for petitioners has attracted our attention to our interim order dated 10.08.2023. Similarly interviews were being conducted under the Directorate of Technical Education for the post of visiting lecturers. This Court has passed an interim order for not issuing appointment orders. The said interim order was continued vide order dated 22.08.2023 and still it is in force.

4. The learned counsel appearing for petitioners would submit that now once again the fresh drive has been taken for filling up the post on clock hour basis by publishing advertisements. For instance, the petitioners have produced advertisement published by the Government Polytechnic College at Washim, Kolhapur and Solapur. As per advertisement, the interviews of Solapur and Kolhapur Government Polytechnic College have already been over whilst at Washim, they have been scheduled on 18.07.2024 to 20.07.2024. Already this Court has earlier passed an interim order for not to give appointment, but still once again such exercise is undertaken.

5. In view of above, till further orders, respondent Nos. 1 and 2 shall not undertake any recruitment process unless leave is obtained from this Court.

6. We also clarify that earlier interim order that no appointment should be given, still exist and it will be in



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force till further order.

7. Stand over to 07.08.2024.

<u>(SMT. M. S. JAWALKAR, J.)</u>

(VINAY JOSHI, J.)

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