



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPPIL No. 70 of 2024

In The Matter Of Suo Moto Public Intrest Litigation Titled As Regarding News Clipping Of Zee Business Channel And Daily Newspaper Dainik Bhaskar, Rajnandgaon, Namely Chhattisgarh Ke Rajnandgaon Mein Shikshak Ke Bagair Hi 11th Pass Kar Li Lekin 12th Board Me Kaise Kareng Fight, Schooli Chhatra Ke Maang Par Adhikari Ne Kaha - Bahas Mat Karo, Zindagi Bhar Jail Me Rahoge To Samajh Aayega

... Petitioner

versus

- 1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary, School Education Department, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nawa Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- 2 - Director Directorate, School Education Department, Indravati Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nawa Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- 3 -Collector Rajnandgaon, District Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh
- 4 - District Education Officer District Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh

... Respondents

Order Sheet

09/09/2024	<p>This is an office reference.</p> <p>This <i>suo moto</i> PIL has been registered on the basis of the news reported in Zee Business Channel with a heading "छत्तीसगढ़ के राजनांदगांव में शिक्षक के बगैर ही 11वीं पास कर ली लेकिन 12वीं बोर्ड में कैसे करेंगे फाइट: "स्कूली छात्रा के मांग पर अधिकारी ने कहा— बहस मत करो, जिंदगी भर जेल में रहोगे तो समझ आएगा" and Dainik Bhaskar, Rajnandgaon Edition dated 04.09.2024, with a heading "शिक्षक की मांग करने पहुंची छात्राओं को डीईओ ने धमकाया, बोले — जिंदगी भर जेल की हवा खाओगे".</p> <p>The aforesaid news report relates to the students of Aaliwara School of Dongargarh Block, District Rajnandgaon. Some of the girl students of the said school had gone to the office of the District Education Officer, Rajnadngaon demanding posting of teachers as they had passed Class 11th without there being any teacher, but since Class 12th is the Board Exam, they were worried as to how they would clear their exam. Instead of listening to their problems, Mr. Abhay Jayaswal, the District Education Officer threatened those students that they would be</p>

sent to jail.

The aforesaid school was earlier a High School which has been upgraded to Higher Secondary School but the teachers of High School are teaching the students of Higher Secondary classes. The aforesaid news report further goes to state that the Mathematics teacher are teaching Physics which would affect the career of the students. The students had earlier met the Collector, Rajnandgaon who had assured them that proper arrangement for posting of teachers would be made and had also advised them to meet the District Education Officer. When these students went to the chamber of the District Education Officer with their application, the District Education Officer threatened them as to who had taught them to write such applications and drove them out of his chamber..

The version of the District Education Officer has also been published wherein the said officer stated that he did not threaten anyone but had given only advise that in the application, some objectionable things like locking down the school etc. was written which should not have been written.

The aforesaid incident is also circulated in the social media.

On a specific query as to what action the State has taken against the erring official, Mr. Y.S.Thakur, learned Additional Advocate General submits that he has been transferred to another place on the very next date and attached in the office of the Director, Public Instructions. He further submits that four teachers were posted in the aforesaid school on the very next date.

Considering the seriousness of the matter which is stated to be of 4th September, 2024 and the next date was the 'Teacher's Day' and when the students were merely demanding posting of teachers and considering the conduct and behaviour of the District Education Officer concerned, we deem it appropriate to direct the Secretary, School Education Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, to file his personal affidavit stating as to what steps have been taken by the State Government for posting of the teachers in the schools of the State of Chhattisgarh, where there are minimum or no teachers.

Let the matter be listed on **12th of September, 2024** for further consideration.

Sd/-
(Bibhu Datta Guru)
JUDGE

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
CHIEF JUSTICE

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