ITEM NO.31 & 53

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s). 1118/2018

SUDHAKAR & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION and IA No.133536/2018-STAY APPLICATION)

WITH

W.P.(C) No. 1120/2018 (X)

(FOR ADMISSION and IA No.133615/2018-EX-PARTE AD-INTERIM RELIEF)

W.P.(C) No. 1119/2018 (X)

(FOR ADMISSION and IA No.133565/2018-PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE

IN PERSON and IA No.133568/2018-APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS)

W.P.(C) No. 1114/2018 (X)

(FOR ADMISSION)

W.P.(C) No. 1121/2018 (X)

(FOR ADMISSION and IA No.133786/2018-STAY APPLICATION)

WITH

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s). 1148/2018 (FOR ADMISSION and IA No.136093/2018-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

W.P.(C) No. 1150/2018 (X)

(FOR ADMISSION and IA No.136211/2018-APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS)

Date: 20-09-2018 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KURIAN JOSEPH

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KISHAN KAUL

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Vikas Singh, Sr. Adv.

Mr. Brajesh Kumar Singh, Adv.

Mr. Sanjay Kumar Visen, AOR

Mr. Shishir Pinaki, Adv.

Mr. F.I. Choudhury, Adv.

Mr. L. Choudhary, Adv.

Mr. Rajiv Kumar Sinha, Adv.

Ms. Ritu Rastoqi, Adv.

Petitioner-in-person

Mr. Yadav Narender Singh, AOR

Mr. A. Anandan, Adv.

Mr. Abhishek Singh, Adv.

Mr. Rohit Singh, AOR

Mr. Gagan Deep Sharma, Adv.

Ms. Preeti Singh, AOR

Ms. Swati Jindal, Adv.

Mr. Simanta Kumar, Adv.

Mr. Vipin Rathee, Adv.

Mr. Anupam Mishra, AOR

Mr. Yashpal Rangi, Adv.

Mr. Satish Dabas, Adv.

Mr. Satish Kumar, AOR

Mr. Divyesh Pratap Singh, Adv.

Mr. Sunil Dalal, Adv.

Mr. Vivek Jain, Adv.

Mr. Rajiv Singh, Adv.

Mr. Chandan Chawla, Adv.

Mrs. Rakhi Ray, Adv.

Mr. Anilendra Pandey, Adv.

Mr. Yadunandan Bansal, Adv.

Mr. Sandeep Singh, Adv.

Mr. Vinay Pal, Adv.

Ms. Seema Singh, Adv.

Mr. Bharat Sharma, Adv.

For Respondent(s)

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

Diary No.35490 & 35229 of 2018 are taken on Board.

Issue notice.

Last date for receipt of the applications for registering the candidates for the main examination for selection and appointment to the post of Additional District Judge in the State of Madhya Pradesh was 25.08.2018. 208 candidates, who have passed the preliminary examination, have been debarred by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh from participating in the main examination on the

ground that their applications did not reach the High Court on or before 25.08.2018.

According to the petitioners/intervenor(s) before us and similarly situated candidates, they all had dispatched their applications on or before 21.08.2018 by Speed Post/Registered Post/Courier. It appears the actual delivery of the application forms in the High Court was made beyond 25.08.2018.

learned Having heard the counsel appearing for the petitioner(s)/intervenor(s), we are of the view that it is only in the interest of justice that the 208 candidates, who have now been debarred from participating in main examination, are permitted to participate in the main examination provisionally, subject to their production of evidence before the Registrar (Judicial) of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur, between 2.00 P.M. to 4.00 P.M. tomorrow i.e. on 21/09/2018, of a valid proof of having dispatched their applications either by Speed Post/Registered Post/Courier on or before 21.08.2018. Ordered accordingly.

We direct the Registrar of this Court to communicate this order to the Registrar General of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur forthwith.

In view of the order, as above, the Registry of this Court need not entertain any fresh petition or application for intervention/impleadment in this regard.

We direct the Registrar General of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur to publish a copy of this order on the website of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh today itself.

We direct the Post Master General concerned to conduct an inquiry as to what was the reason for undue delay in delivering the postal articles in the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur and submit a report to this Court, within a month from today.

(NARENDRA PRASAD)
COURT MASTER

(RENU DIWAN)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR