

PRESENT

HON'BLE MR JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

Heard Mr. U.K. Nair, learned counsel for the petitioners, Mr. B.J.Ghosh, learned Govt. Advocate, Assam appearing for Respondent No.1 and Mr. C.Baruah, learned Standing Counsel, APSC appearing for Respondent Nos.2,3 and 4. As agreed to by the learned counsel for the parties, writ petition is taken up for disposal at the motion stage itself.

Petitioners seek to participate in the recruitment process for the post of Veterinary Assistant Surgeon and Extension Officer (Veterinary) but as per the advertisement, they are over-aged. They had filed applications before the authorities of the Veterinary Department, Government of Assam for relaxation of the upper age limit but no order has been passed till date.

Learned counsel for the parties submit that in respect of similarly situated persons, this Court by order dated 11.1.2013 passed in WP(C) No.6358/2012 had directed the Commissioner and Secretary, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Department, Govt. of Assam to take a decision on the request made for relaxation of upper age limit. Relevant portion of the order dated 11.1.2013 reads as under :

Having regard to the aforesaid submission advanced, the writ petition is disposed of directing the Commissioner & Secretary, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department, Govt. of Assam to take a decision on the request made by the petitioner for relaxation of upper age limit strictly in conformity with the Government office memorandum issued for that purpose. The same shall be done within a period of 10 (ten) days from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order passed today along with a copy of the writ petition to be submitted by the petitioner before the said authority.

Present writ petition is also disposed of in terms of the above direction of this Court.