

In the totality of circumstances, we are inclined to accept the submissions made by the Joint Secretary but with a note of caution that repetition of any such want of punctual and concrete compliance of the order passed by the Court may lead to stern action.

We may, in the passing, observe that in fact, dearth of nursing staff in the State of Meghalaya had been one of the areas of deficiencies of health care services, as noticed in Suo Motu PIL No.3 of 2016 pending in this Court. It was indicated in the said PIL earlier that the engagement of proper work force was one of the fundamental areas of deficiencies to be rectified by the Government. It had been in the context of such requirements that this Court fixed a timeline for completion of the process by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 and it was required of the respondents that the order was carried out with punctuality and promptitude.

We do not wish to say anything further in the present matter, particularly looking to the excessive number of candidates who have cleared the written examination. Therefore, in the circumstances of the case, the calendar for interview, as said to have been notified on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017, is approved; and for that matter, the time for completion of the entire process is extended until 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

The application MC (WA) No.61 of 2017 stands disposed of accordingly.

**JUDGE**

**CHIEF JUSTICE**

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