IN THE HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA AT SHILLONG

: ORDER:

MC (WA) No.61 of 2017

State of Meghalaya Applicant

-Versus-

Smt. Meridalin Kharlyngdoh and others Respondents

Date of Order :: 31.10.2017

PRESENT HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE DINESH MAHESHWARI, CHIEF JUSTICE HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE VED PRAKASH VAISH

Shri K Khan, Addl.Sr.GA, for the applicant Shri HL Shangreiso, for the respondents

BY THE COURT: (per Hon'ble the Chief Justice) (Oral)

With reference to the order passed in this matter yesterday, the Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya in Health and Family Welfare Department has filed his detailed affidavit, inter alia, pointing out that earlier, the dates of interview were fixed on 16th, 17 and 18th October 2017 but were rescheduled from 23rd October 2017 to 30th November 2017. The Joint Secretary has also stated regrets for having fixed the interview beyond 31st October 2017 without craving leave of the Court and has undertaken to be very careful in future and to act with more diligence and sincerity so as to ensure compliance of the order passed by the Court in letter and spirit.

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 31st 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 17th October 2017, is approved; and for that matter, the time for completion of the entire process is extended until 11th December 2017.

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

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE

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