

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

MC[WP(C)]. No. 82 of 2021 in
WP(C). No. 368 of 2020

Date of Order: 31.08.2021

State of Meghalaya Vs. Shri. Nangkhrawbor Rngikseh & 30 Ors.

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjit More, Judge.

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Appellant(s) : Mr. A.Kumar, AG with
Ms. R.Colney, GA.

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. P.Yobin, Adv.

1. Heard Mr. A.Kumar, learned AG for the applicant and Mr. P.Yobin, learned counsel for the respondents. The application is filed seeking extension of time to conduct the Meghalaya Teacher Eligibility Test (MTET) Examination 2021.
2. The respondents filed WP(C). No. 368/2020. The sole grievance in the said petition is non-conduct of MTET examination since long. Mr. A.Kumar, learned AG however made a statement on behalf of the respondent No. 2 in the petition that respondent No.2 shall conduct the MTET examination either in the month of March or April, 2021. The statement of learned AG was accepted and petition was disposed of.
3. Admittedly, the MTET examination was not held in the month of March or April, 2021. Mr. P.Yobin, learned counsel for the respondents submits that Notification to hold the examination was issued in the month of April, 2021 and the petitioner proposed to hold the examination in the month of August, 2021. He made a grievance that the applicant/petitioner have not complied with the order dated 02-12-2020 in WP(C). No. 368/2020.

4. Mr. A.Kumar, learned AG however, invited my attention to Annexure-P/8, i.e., the Revised Action Plans & Timeline for the conduct of Meghalaya Teacher Eligibility Test (MTET), 2021. This annexure gives detail of the Revised Action Plan regarding conduct of the said MTET examination. Under the said Plan, the MTET examination would be held on 09-10-2021.

5. Mr. P.Yobin, learned counsel for the respondents submits that failure of the petitioner to hold the examination in the month of March or April, 2021 has caused prejudice to some of the candidates as they are age barred. I do not find any merit in this submission inasmuch as Clause 2.2 of the Notification dated 22-04-2021, makes it clear that if the candidates are 32/37 years as on 1st January of the year in which advertisement was made, then they would be eligible to appear for the examination.

6. The explanation given by the applicant as to why the examination could not be held in the month of March or April, 2021 is satisfactory. In that view of the matter, application is allowed. Applicant/petitioner is granted extension of time to conduct the MTET examination 2021 in October, 2021.

7. Misc. application disposed of.



Judge

Meghalaya
31.08.2021
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