

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Health & Medical Education Department

Civil Secretariat, J&K Jammu/Srinagar.

Subject: SWP No. 1036/2015 titled Sardari Lal and ors v/s State and Ors.

Government Order No: 752 -JK(HME) of 2023

Dated: 11-09-2023

WHEREAS, following applicants were appointed by the then Chief Medical Officer, Kathua from the dates shown against each:-

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No.		
1.	Sardari Lal S/o Kunj Lal	12.08.1993
2.	Punu Ram s/o Jodhu Ram	30.11.1991
3.	Rattan Chand S/o Mangata	19.06.1991
4.	Sheri Lal S/o Chandu Ram	18.09.1992
5.	Rattan Chand S/o Lachman Dass	07.11.1996
6.	Munshi Ram S/o Sendhu Ram	31.10.1990
7.	Mohan Lal S/o Lachoon	12.11.1991
8.	Bhagi Ram S/o Mutu Ram	09.09.1995
9.	Sham Lal S/o Kukoo	02.05.1997
10.	Des Raj S/o Kirpa Ram	07.05.1988
11.	Yoginder Paul	31.08.1992

AND WHEREAS, the then Chief Medical Officer, Kathua, appointed these applicants dehors the rules, without making any advertisement for open competition;

AND WHEREAS, no subsequent orders were issued by the competent authority for continuation/regularization of services of these applicants;

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AND WHEREAS, the applicants filed SWP No. 1036/2015 titled Sardari Lal and ors v/s State and Ors, before the Hon'ble High Court at Jammu for regularization of thier services;

AND WHEREAS, the Hon'ble High Court at Jammu disposed of SWP No. 1036/2015 titled Sardari Lal and ors v/s State and vide its order dated 12.12.2017 with the following directions:-

"Respondents are directed to take a decision on the issue of regularization purely on its own merits and in accordance with applicable law and rules as deemed fit within a period of six to eight weeks from the date of receipt of representation alongwith copy of this order."

AND WHEREAS, in the meanwhile, the petitioners filed a contempt petition bearing CCP(S) No. 466/2019 titled Sardari Lal v/s Sh. Atal Dulloo in SWP No. 1036/2015 titled Sardari Lal and ors v/s State and Ors;

AND WHEREAS, the Government from time to time policies has formulated different to regularize adhoc/contractual/consolidated employees of different departments and subsequently different empowered committees were also constituted for the purpose. Firstly, it was the policy notified vide G.O. No. 1220-GAD of 1989 dated 11.09.1989 read with G.O. No. 1285-GAD of 2001 dated 06.11.2001 superseded by G.O. No. 168-GAD of 2004 dated 09.02.2004 read with G.O No. 237-GAD of 2004 dated 20.02.2004, G.O. No. 794-GAD of 2004 dated 22.06.2004. The policy was once again superseded by the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Special Provision) Act 2010, however the same was also repealed by the Government following the Jammu & Kashmir Re-Organization Act, 2019;

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AND WHEREAS, as of now, there is no policy governing the regularization of adhoc employees in the UT of J&K;

AND WHEREAS, the applicants having been appointed without following the proper procedure and cannot claim for continuation of the said illegality;

AND WHEREAS, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has laid the law in the case of Umarani Vs Registrar, Coop. Societies (2004) 7 SCC 112 that:

"...when appointments were made in contravention of mandatory provisions of the Act and statutory Rules framed thereunder and by ignoring essential qualifications, the appointment would be illegal and cannot be regularized by the State. The State could not invoke its power under Article-162 of the Constitution to regularize such appointment. Regularization is not and cannot be a mode of recruitment by any State within the meaning of Article 12 of the Constitution or anybody or authority governed by a statutory Act or the rules framed thereunder. In view of the settled legal position the instant application is not maintainable and deserves to be dismissed..."

AND WHEREAS, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has laid a law in the case of State of Karnataka Vs Uma Devi (3), (2006) 4 SCC 1 that:

"...when a person enters a temporary employment or gets engagement as a contractual or casual worker and the engagement is not based on a proper selection as recognized by the relevant rules or procedure, he is aware of the consequences of the appointment being temporary, casual or contractual in nature. Such a person cannot invoke the theory of legitimate expectation for being confirmed in the post when an appointment to the post could be made only by following a proper procedure for selection and in cases concerned, in consultation with the Public Service Commission. Therefore, the theory of

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legitimate expectation cannot be successfully advanced by temporary, contractual or casual employees. It cannot also be held that the State has held out any promise while engaging these persons either to continue them where they are or to make them permanent. The State cannot constitutionally make such a promise. It is also obvious that the theory cannot be invoked to seek a positive relief of being made permanent on the post. In view of the settled legal position the instant application is not maintainable and deserves to be dismissed..."

AND WHEREAS, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the same case also held that:

"...a daily rated or casual worker is only a temporary employee, and it is well settled that a temporary employee has no right to the post. The term "temporary employee" is a general category which has under it several subcategories e.g. casual employee, daily-rated employee, adhoc employee, etc. The distinction between a temporary employee and a permanent employee is well settled. Whereas a permanent employee has a right to the post, a temporary employee has no right to the post. It is only a permanent employee who has a right to continue in service till the age of superannuation (unless he is dismissed or removed after an inquiry, or his service is terminated due to some other valid reason earlier). As regards a temporary employee, there is no age of superannuation because he has no right to the post at all. Hence, it follows that no direction can be passed in the case of any temporary employee that he should be continued till the age of superannuation;

AND WHEREAS, in Tariq Ahmad Mir and Ors Vs State of J&K and Ors 2007 JKJ (HC) (2) 584 it was held that:-

"... Regularization cannot be made to the post de-hors the Rules and an employee cannot invoke the jurisdiction of the court in order to seek appointment and that too de-hors the Rules"

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Now therefore, in view of above facts & the legal position and in compliance to the directions of the Hon'ble High Court at Jammu passed in SWP No. 1036/2015 titled Sardari Lal and ors v/s State and Ors, the case of the petitioners has been considered in light of the fact that the petitioners was appointed dehors the rules, without any subsequent orders, and that currently no such policy of regularization is in place, the case is found devoid of any merits and, hence, rejected.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/-

(Bhupinder Kumar) IAS,

Secretary to the Government, Health & Medical Education Department

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