2026:UHC:7435

HIGH COURT OF UTTARAKHAND AT NAINITAL

Writ Petition Service Single No.687 of 2026
18th August, 2026

Deshveer and others .....Petitioners

Versus

State of Uttarakhand and others .....Respondents

Presence:-
Dr. Kartikey Hari Gupta, learned counsel for the petitioners.
Mr. B.S. Koranga, learned B.H. for the State.

Hon'ble Pankaj Purohit, J.

Petitioners were initially appointed on various capacities in a recognized non-government unaided institution. By a subsequent order, that institution was brought into Grant-in-aid, where petitioners are presently working. According to petitioners, they are entitled to Selection Grade upon completion of ten years of satisfactory service, which has to be reckoned from the date of their initial appointment.

2. The stand taken by the respondents, however, is that such benefit would be available to petitioners only after completing ten years of satisfactory service from the date when the institution, in question, is included in grant-in-aid list of the State Government. Thus, according to respondents, the services rendered by petitioners in the concerned school before it received financial aid from the State Government has to be ignored for the purpose of grant of Selection Grade to petitioners.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that coordinate Bench of this Court, vide judgment dated 27.03.2017 rendered in WPSS No. 1955 of 2015 and other connected petitions, had allowed similar writ petitions filed by teachers serving in recognized non-Government unaided

schools, which were subsequently included in grant-in-aid list. He further submits that Division Bench of this Court affirmed the said judgment in Special Appeal No.279 of 2018 and other connected appeals. My further attention was drawn towards the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court whereby the SLP filed by State has been dismissed. Thus, he submits that present writ petitions deserve to be decided in terms of the judgment dated 27.3.2017 rendered in WPSS No.1955 of 2015 and other connected petitions. Learned counsel further submits that facts of present case are also identical to the one involved in WPSS No.1277 of 2020.

4. Learned counsel for respondents does not oppose the aforesaid submission.

5. In view of consensus between learned Counsel for the parties that the question involved in this writ petition stands covered by the judgment dated 27.3.2017 rendered in WPSS No.1955 of 2015 and other connected petitions, therefore, present writ petition is allowed. The Director, Elementary Education, Uttarakhand (respondent no.3) is directed to grant selection grade/promotion grade/accelerated career progression (A.C.P.) to petitioners from due date, after taking into account, their entire length of service, within a period of eight weeks from the date of production of certified copy of this order.

(**Pankaj Purohit, J**.)
18.08.2026

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