

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH  
AT JABALPUR

WP No. 14695 of 2024

(AADITYA NARAYAN PANDEY Vs UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS)

Dated : 14-02-2025

*Shri Kapil Sibbal - Sr. Advocate (Appeared through V.C.) with Shri Manish Singh- Advocate, Shri George Podhar - Advocate, Shri Sagar- Advocate, Dr. Monika Singhal - Advocate, Shri Abhishek Gautam - Advocate for the petitioner.*

*Shri Sandeep Shukla - Advocate for respondents No. 1 & 2 / Union of India.*

*Shri Suyash Mohan Guru - Advocate for respondent No.3*

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Notice issued.

Shri Sandeep Shukla - Advocate accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 & 2.

Shri Suyash Mohan Guru - Advocate accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.3.

The petitioner seeks quashing the DoPT O.M. dated 21.10.2019 and the FAQs dated 19.09.2022 so also CSE notification dated 14.02.2024 on the ground that no age relaxation on the ground that no age relaxation is being provided to the candidates belonging to EWS category. It is also stated that such relaxation has been provided to other reserved categories i.e., Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and Women etc.

Learned counsel for the respondents No.1 and 2 prays for time to file

objections to the petition.

However, since the last date to fill up the forms is stated to be approaching, we deem it appropriate to permit the petitioner to apply for the same. Respondent No.3-Union Public Service Commission is directed to accept the application of the petitioner as well as all other similarly situated candidates for CSE-2025 without reference to the existing qualification or age, but subject to compliance of other conditions. The applications will be accepted on the aforesaid condition upto seven days from today and subject to further orders of this Court. The respondent No.3, while receiving the applications of candidates belonging to the EWS category shall extend the age benefit as granted to the others as mentioned hereinabove. However, appointment orders of such candidates permitted by this order shall not be issued without leave of this Court.

Call after two weeks at request of respondents' counsel.

List alongwith W.P. No.2108/2022 and other connected matters.

(SURESH KUMAR KAIT)  
CHIEF JUSTICE

(VIVEK JAIN)  
JUDGE

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