

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
AT JABALPUR

WP No. 13393 of 2026

(SANDEEP BHARTI AND OTHERS Vs THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS)

Dated : 23-04-2026

Shri Sanjay K Agrawal - Senior Advocate with Shri Siddharth Kumar Sharma, learned counsel for the petitioners.

Shri Tirthraj Pillai - Panel Lawyer for the respondents/State

In the present petitioner, the petitioners are challenging the order dated 20.6.2025 issued by respondent No.4, wherein the process of granting officiating appointments/charge to higher rank has been suspended. The said order has been passed on the ground that the State have now promulgated the M.P. Civil Services (Promotion) Rules, 2025 for promotion.

However, it has been contended by the counsel for the petitioners that the said rules are under challenge before this Court, which has been further confirmed by the counsel for the State that this Court as an interim measure has stayed the Rules, 2025, which was challenged as ultra vires.

Considering the same and also the fact that the amended para 72 of the M.P. Police Regulations is still in force, the respondents are directed to proceed with the process of granting officiating appointments/charge to higher post to the petitioners without being influenced with the new M.P. Civil Services (Promotion) Rules, 2025, which admittedly has been stayed by this Court as informed by the State counsel.

Let the exercise for promotion be done by the respondents, within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Since the vires of these rules have been challenged, the said promotion of the petitioners shall be subject to outcome of the petition.

Let reply be filed by the State within a period of 30 days from today.

List after four weeks.

(JAI KUMAR PILLAI)
JUDGE

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