

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
AT JABALPUR

WP No. 12737 of 2026

(VIKASH AHIRWAR AND OTHERS Vs THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS)

Dated : 18-04-2026

Shri Alok Vagrecha - Advocate with Shri Vishal Baghel, advocate for the petitioners.

Shri Ved Prakash Tiwari -G.A. for the respondent/State.

Petitioners have filed this petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India challenging advertisement dated 02.04.2026 (Annexure-P/1) by which petitioners were not permitted to file their applications form for post of Nursing Officer and Sister tutor Recruitment Examination, 2026.

Learned counsel appearing for petitioners submitted that as per Rules, male and female both can apply for post of Nursing Officer as post is not restricted to woman candidates as per rules. In identical case, vide order dated 10.04.2026 passed in WP No.13056/2026, respondents were directed to accept application form of petitioners therein. It is submitted that case of petitioners is also similar and similar benefit be extended to them.

Learned Government Advocate appearing for State submitted that post is advertised only for female nursing officer. There will be separate advertisement for male nursing officer.

Heard the counsel for the parties.

Issue notice to the respondents on payment of process fee within seven days, returnable within four weeks.

In rules, there is no separate category as male nursing officer and female nursing officer. Post is known with name of nursing officer. There is no bar that male candidate cannot apply for nursing officer.

In view of same, respondents are directed to accept the application forms of petitioners for Nursing Officer and Sister Tutor Recruitment Examination, 2026. Results of petitioners may not be declared and same shall be subject to final order which will be passed in this writ petition.

List the matter along with WP No. 14387/2026 and WP No. 14149/2026 after *four weeks*.

(VISHAL DHAGAT)
JUDGE

L.R.