ITEM NO.807

COURT NO.1

SECTION PIL-W

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No.36472/2022

PRADEEP MALIK & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE REGISTRAR (EXAMINATION) OF THE HIGH COURT OF RAJASTHAN & ANR.

Respondent(s)

Date: 17-11-2022 This petition was MENTIONED today.

CORAM:

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HIMA KOHLI

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA

Mr. Prashant Bhushan, AOR (Mentioned by) For Petitioner(s)

Ms. Neha Rathi, Adv.

For Respondent(s)

UPON being mentioned the Court made the following ORDER

- On mentioning, the matter is taken on Board. 1
- 2 The petitioners who appeared for the Main (Written) examination for recruitment of Additional District Judges in the State of Rajasthan seek to question the result dated 1 October 2022. They seek revaluation of the answer sheets and the award of bonus marks to candidates in line with the course of action which was adopted in Pranav Verma and Others vs

Registrar General of the High Court of Punjab & Haryana and Another [2020 (15) SCC 377] so that candidates equal to three times of the number of vacancies notified can be called for interview.

- 3 On 21 October 2022, four candidates were called for interview. The interviews have been held on 14 November 2022.
- A Committee has been constituted by the Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court, notified on 1 November 2022, to hear the grievances of the representatives of the Bar in regard to the recruitment which took place for the posts of Additional District Judge.
- 5 Mr Prashant Bhushan, counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners submitted that it would be appropriate if the answer sheets are directed to be reevaluated by a former Judge of this Court.
- 6 There is no reason why proceedings cannot be instituted before the High Court under Article 226 of the Constitution.
- Should the petitioners institute proceedings before the High Court, we would request the learned Chief Justice to assign the petition to a Bench of the Court so that finality can be brought down on the process of recruitment expeditiously.
- 8 Subject to the aforesaid, the Petition is disposed of.
- 9 Pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(CHETAN KUMAR) A.R.-cum-P.S. (SAROJ KUMARI GAUR) Assistant Registrar