

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(S) No. 1091 of 2026

Pawan Kumar Paswan, S/o Dev Bihari Paswan

.... **Petitioner(s)**.

Versus

The State of Jharkhand & Others

... **Respondent(s)**

CORAM : SRI ANANDA SEN, J.

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Niladri S. Mukharjee, Advocate
Mr. Sharavan Kumar, Advocate
Ms. Sandhya Singh, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Rajiv Ranjan, A.G.
For the Resp-JPSC : Mr. Sanjoy Piprawall, Advocate
Mr. Prince Kumar, Advocate
Mr. Jay Prakash, Advocate
Mr. Rakesh Ranjan, Advocate
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03/ 18.02.2026: Heard, learned counsel for the petitioner, learned counsel for the State and learned counsel for the respondent-JPSC. Learned Advocate General assisted this Court also.

2. On 06.02.2026, the Director, State Drugs Control Directorate has requested to the department to clarify the issue as to whether Clause-5(i),(ii)&(iii) of the Advertisement No.12 of 2025, which is an experience qualification can be treated to be an essential qualification for applying to the post of Drug Inspector or not.

3. Today, learned Advocate General submits that the same cannot be an essential qualification for appointment in the post of Drug Inspector. He submits that experience is necessary at the time of job assignment only after appointment. Selected candidates having experience, after appointment will get authorization to inspect the manufactured substances mentioned in Schedule-C of the Act. He submits that only the person having the aforesaid experience can be assigned the aforesaid job. He also clarifies that the person who is not having these experience are very well eligible to fill-up the form and appear in the examination and can be selected, provided that he has

basic minimum qualification.

4. Considering his submission, the grievance of the petitioner is redressed.

5. The point which now falls for consideration, which is apparent from the submission of the learned counsel for the petitioner, is that the On-line application portal is not allowing the applicants to proceed further, without filling up the aforesaid Clause of experience and without uploading the experience certificate.

6. In my opinion when the aforesaid experience Clause is not essential for appointment, the On-line portal to fill the forms should be designed in such manner, where even without uploading the experience certificate, the applicants should be allowed to complete the process of filling-up of the said form. Non uploading of the experience certificate cannot come in the way of filling up of the forms.

7. At this stage, Mr. Sanjoy Piprawall, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent-JPSC submits that they will make necessary modification in the Software of the portal and will also extend the last date of filing of the application, after seeking clarification from the department.

8. Considering the aforesaid submission, list this case after two weeks under the heading 'Orders.'

9. It is made clear that the petitioner and others similarly situated persons who does not have any experience as per Clause-5(i),(ii)&(iii) and the proviso thereof, should be allowed to fill the On-line forms also. The information should be well published in newspaper to enable all the candidates to fill up the form, even without uploading the experience documents.

10. Let a copy of this order be handed over to the learned counsels of the parties.

(ANANDA SEN, J.)