

AITUC Goa moves HC to restrain PWD from recruiting afresh for various Posts

PANJIM: The All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC), Goa unit, has moved the High Court of Bombay at Goa seeking directions to restrain the Public Works Department (PWD) from going ahead with fresh recruitment for the posts of assistant data entry operators.

In a special miscellaneous application filed on Wednesday, the labour union alleged that the BJP-led coalition's political gimmick is to create vote banks for a particular constituency, by denying regularizing nearly 1300 PWD Labour Supply Society workers.

“In 2002, Manohar Parrikar (then chief minister) had promised to regularise the society workers once his party comes to power. These workers were, thereafter, used for political campaign. After forming the government, Parrikar moved a Cabinet resolution to absorb the workers in the PWD as and when vacancies in the department arise,” AITUC convener Suhas Naik said quoting the petition copy.

In April 2013, these workers were given temporary status following a writ petition in the High Court in 2006 wherein workers sought regularization. Naik said, the petition was disposed of in 2014 after Advocate General assured the court to absorb the workers depending on the vacancies created.

“Four months ago, the present CM (Laxmikant Parsekar) is also on record to accommodate PWD society workers in the department. He had assured not to advertise any posts, however, PWD created new vacancies for 100 posts. We therefore moved the High Court seeking restraining the PWD from going ahead with the recruitment and if it has begun the process, to scrap it,” he said. The matter will come up for hearing in the coming week.