

Since two years, Govt fails to hold MHN-CWT for nurses' direct recruitment

Govt prohibits filling up all posts, fresh CET can't be conducted till the ban is lifted. On one hand, the Government hospitals are ailing of less number of nurses on the other it is not conducting direct recruitment test MHN-CWT for the last two years. This year too it is not in a mood to conduct the same.

Directorate of Medical Education & Research, Government of Maharashtra conducts MHN CWT examination for recruitments of Staff Nurses. The qualification for which is general nursing and Midwifery 3 or 3 1/2 years Diploma Course or basic B.Sc. Nursing 4 year degree course. The above Diploma / Degree Course should be passed from the institution situated in the state of Maharashtra and recognized by the Maharashtra Nursing Council, Mumbai/ Maharashtra University of Health Sciences Nasik/ University situated in the state of Maharashtra.

DMER had conducted such test in the year 2014, the result of which was declared in February 2015. Around 50,000 candidates had appeared in it. According to sources, the Government is doing appointments on the basis of result of CET conducted in 2014. The criterion of the appointing nurses in Government hospitals is best known to the authorities.

Some of the experts raised doubts about the quality of nurses as the DMER appointing old ones who appeared in 2014 and not going for the fresh ones who have cleared their respective qualifications in the subsequent years.

About the recruitment process, Government had issued one Government Resolution (GR) wherein it had clearly mentioned that any score earned in any examination regarding any recruitment is valid for one year only. Since the score earned in 2014 examination must be valid till 2015 only. Shockingly Government is conducting the recruitment on the basis of score earned by the candidates in 2014 MHN-CWT.

When contacted Dr Pravin Shingare, Director of Directorate of Medical Education and Research (DMER) told The Hitavada, "As per Government rules once, the examination is conducted then its merit list is valid for one year. The validity of wait list is counted not from date of examination but from date of declaration of results. So, we are doing absolutely as per rules."

According to highly placed sources Government has restricted the filling of posts to 50 per cent. DMER is helpless till this restriction is lifted and so can not conduct fresh CET. The Government hospitals have failed to maintain the ratio of one nurse to 3 patients in general and one nurse to one patient in ICU. At present one nurse is looking after almost 80 patients.

This year too DMER has chalked the programme for recruiting staff nurse on the basis of score earned in 2014. The programme will be beginning on June 27 with the State Merit List 591 of 2014 examination. There are total 1,254 candidates appearing in counseling for 418 posts.