## HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY, NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR.

## : NOTICE :

**IT IS HEREBY** notified for the information of Advocates and Parties appearing-in-person as follows :

That on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 02.30 P.M. in Court Hall 'A' the Full Bench comprising of Hon'ble Shri Justice Sunil B. Shukre and Hon'ble Shri Justice Avinash G. Gharote and Hon'ble Shri Justice Anil S. Kilor would take up the Full Bench Reference in Writ Petition No. 5998/2019.

## **Questions for Reference before the Full Bench :**

"(i) Whether only sub-rule (6) of Rule 15 of the MEPS Rules applies to an employee appointed on probation when the Management seeks to take action under Section 5(3) of the MEPS Act or entire Rule 15 from sub-rules (1) to (6) of the MEPS Rules apply to such an employee appointed on probation?

(ii) Whether judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Progressive Education Society and another v. Rajendra and another (supra) lays down that entire Rule 15 of the MEPS Rules applies to an employee appointed on probation, particularly in the context of power available to the Management under Section 5(3) of the MEPS Act?

(iii) Whether failure to adhere to requirements of sub-rules (3) and (5) of Rule 15 of the MEPS Rules would ipso facto vitiate an action taken by the Management under Section 5(3) of the MEPS Act, despite the fact that the Management satisfies requirement of sub-rule (6) of Rule 15 of the MEPS Rules by ensuring that performance of an employee appointed on probation has been objectively assessed by the Head and record of such an assessment has been maintained?

(iv) Whether non-compliance of sub-rule (5) of Rule 15 of the MEPS Rules would vitiate an order of termination of service simplicitor issued by the Management under Section 5(3) of the MEPS Act when the said sub-rule deems that "work of an employee is satisfactory", while Section 5(3) of the MEPS Act gives power to the Management to terminate the service of an employee appointed on probation not only for "unsatisfactory work", but also for "unsatisfactory behaviour"?

(v) Whether it would be sufficient compliance on the part of the Management while acting under Section 5(3) of the MEPS Act, if it complies with only sub-rule (6) of Rule 15 of the MEPS Rules by ensuring that the performance of an employee appointed on probation is objectively assessed and the Head maintains record of such assessment, and principles of natural justice stand satisfied by issuing notices/warnings for unsatisfactory work to such an employee appointed on probation, considering the limited rights available to such an employee as per law laid down from the case of Parshotam Lal Dhingra v. Union of India (supra) in the year 1958 and onwards?"

To view the order of reference :-		<u>Please click here</u>
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NAGPUR DATE: 04.11.2022 Sd/-(A.G. Joshi) Registrar(Judicial)