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IN THE HIGH COURT OF UTTARAKHAND
AT NAINITAL

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE SHRI MANOJ KUMAR GUPTA
AND

HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE SUBHASH UPADHYAY

24TH MARCH, 2026

WRIT PETITION (S/B) No. 161 OF 2026

Dr. Manisha Pant.

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Uttarakhand and others.

...Respondents

Counsel for the petitioner. : Mr. Sanjay Bhatt, learned counsel.

Counsel for the respondent no. 1. : Mr. B.S. Parihar, learned Additional Chief Standing Counsel with Mr. Gajendra Tripathi, learned Standing Counsel for the State of Uttarakhand.

Counsel for respondent nos. 2 & 3. : Mr. Yogesh Pandey, learned counsel.

JUDGMENT : (per Shri Manoj Kumar Gupta, C.J.)

1. The petitioner has prayed for a writ of mandamus, commanding the respondents to consider her claim for regularization of her services as Assistant Professor in the respondent-University.

2. The case of the petitioner is that she is presently posted as Assistant Professor (Academic Consultant), and has completed 13 years of continuous service. She was initially appointed as Counselor, on contractual basis, on a fixed salary of Rs. 20,000/- per month. It is stated that the University has recommended to the State Government for regularizing the services of such contractual teachers, and in support of the



said submission, reliance has been placed on a letter dated 27.10.2020 by the then Vice Chancellor of the Uttarakhand Open University addressed to the Chief Minister.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner, and other similarly situated teachers, have made repeated representations to the State Government, but to no avail, and hence the present Writ Petition.

4. It is admitted that, so far, there is no Scheme or Rule for regularization of services of contractual employees in the respondent-University. Consequently, no direction, as prayed for, can be granted.

5. However, we leave it open to the petitioner to approach the State Government, so that the State Government, on basis of the letter of the respondent-University, may consider the claim of the petitioner, and other identically situated faculty members of the respondent-University, for regularization/ grant of minimum pay-scale. We further provide that, in case any such representation is made to respondent no. 1, the same shall be considered by the Competent Authority within eight weeks from the date of communication of this order, along with a fresh representation.



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6. The Writ Petition is disposed of in the above terms.
7. All pending applications stand disposed of accordingly.

MANOJ KUMAR GUPTA, C.J.

SUBHASH UPADHYAY, J.

Dt: 24th March, 2026
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