

The High Court Of Madhya Pradesh

WP-9487-2021

(SUNIL GUPTA Vs THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS)

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Jabalpur, Dated : 19-05-2021

Heard through Video Conferencing.

Shri Siddharth Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

This writ petition has been filed by Sunil Gupta as Public Interest Litigation, *inter alia*, praying that the State of Madhya Pradesh may be directed to initiate exercise for inviting global tender at par with many other States including the State of Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Delhi.

Issue notice.

Shri J. K. Jain, Assistant Solicitor General appears and accepts notice on behalf of Respondent No.2/Union of India.

Shri Vikram Singh Advocate appears and accepts notice on behalf of Respondent No.3/Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation and Respondent No.4/Drugs Controller General of India.

Shri Vikram Singh, Advocate during the course of arguments submitted that the Central Government has adopted a policy according to which it can issue licence in favour of local manufacturers within the State of Madhya Pradesh for manufacturing the vaccine namely Covaxin.

Shri Purushaindra Kaurav, Advocate General appears and accepts notice on behalf of Respondent No.1 and prays for time to seek instructions on both the aspects and shall apprise this Court with the stand of the State Government.

Shri Vikram Singh, learned counsel shall ensure that a responsible officer from the office of Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation should appear before this Court virtually to explain certain points on the next date of hearing.

Office to reflect the names of Shri Purushaindra Kaurav, Advocate

General, Shri J. K. Jain, Assistant Solicitor General and Shri Vikram Singh,

Advocate for the respective respondents in the cause list.

Matter to come up on 24.5.2021.

(MOHAMMAD RAFIQ)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ATUL SREEDHARAN)
V. JUDGE

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