

Service Matter – Back wages – Writ petitioner was gainfully employed and it is impossible to imagine that a Medical Officer would sit idle for 13 long years – Therefore, the grant of 50% of back wages for the entire period would be giving benefit of one's own wrong who intentionally abstained from duty for 13 long years and now wants to take benefit of back wages as well – Such stand of the writ petitioner is not only unjustified but wholly condemnable – The State was remiss in not taking action against the writ petitioner for absence from duty – Once the writ petitioner did not join the place of posting, the State should have taken steps to initiate disciplinary proceedings.

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