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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**WPS No. 3316 of 2015**

- P. R. Dewangan S/o Late Shri R. L. Dewangan, Aged About 58 Years R/o Vidya Nagar, Bilaspur, Police Station And Post Tarbahar, Bilaspur, Civil And Revenue District Bilaspur, (Chhattisgarh)

---- Petitioner**Versus**

1. State of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary, Commercial Tax Department, Mahanadi Bhawan, Mantralaya, Capital Complex, Naya Raipur, District Raipur, (Chhattisgarh)
2. Commissioner, Commercial Tax, Commercial Tax Building, Civil Lines, Bilaspur, District Bilaspur, (Chhattisgarh)
3. Departmental Enquiry Commissioner, Government Of Chhattisgarh, Mahanadi Khand, Raipur, District Raipur, (Chhattisgarh)

---- Respondents

For Petitioner	:	Shri Manoj Paranjpe, Advocate
For Respondents-State	:	Shri Shashank Thakur, GA for the State

Hon'ble Shri Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra**Order On Board****11/09/2015**

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the present writ petition has been preferred only for a direction to the respondents to conclude the departmental enquiry within a reasonable time.
2. It appears, the petitioner, who is working as Assistant Commissioner, Commercial Tax in the office of Divisional Deputy Commissioner, Commercial Tax, Bilaspur was served with a charge-sheet in January, 2010. It is stated at the bar that only four or five witnesses have been examined

and other witnesses are not turning up for the last more than ten hearings.

3. Considering the entire facts situation of the case, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction that respondent No.3 Departmental Enquiry Commissioner, Government of Chhattisgarh shall make all possible endeavour to conclude the pending departmental enquiry against the petitioner at the earliest, preferably within a period of six months from the date of submission of certified copy of this order.
4. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the case and the respondent authorities shall decide the matter, on its own merits, strictly in accordance with law, without treating any observation made in this order, as opinion on the merits of the case

Sd/-

Judge

Prashant Kumar Mishra

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