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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**WPC No. 2011 of 2016**

- M/s SKS Power Generation (Chhattisgarh) Limited A Company Incorporated Under The Provisions Of The Companies Act, 1956, Having Its Registered Office At 501 B, Elegant Business Park, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri (E), Mumbai, And Plant At Village Binjkot, Tehsil Kharsia, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh, Through Its Whole Time Director Paulson Albert, S/o Albert P. Paul, Aged About 57 Years, R/o S.K.S. Tower, Friends Colony, Near Dhimrapur Chowk, Block & District Raigarh Chhattisgarh ---- **Petitioner**

Versus

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Department Of Revenue, Mahanadi Bhawan, Mantralaya, Naya Raipur, Mandir Hasod, District Raipur, (Chhattisgarh)
2. District Collector, Collectorate, Janjgir Champa, (Chhattisgarh)
3. Sub Divisional Officer, (Revenue), Dabhra, District Janjgir Champa, (Chhattisgarh)
4. Tahsildar, Dabhra, District Janjgir Champa, (Chhattisgarh) ---- **Respondents**

For Petitioner	:	Shri Ankit Singhal, Advocate
For Respondents/State	:	Shri Rama Kant Mishra, Deputy Advocate General

HON'BLE SHIR JUSTICE PRASHANT KUMAR MISHRA**Order On Board****09/08/2016**

1. The challenge is to the impugned order by which, Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue) / respondent no.3 has granted permission to Tahsildar to review its earlier order. Pursuant to the impugned order, the Tahsildar has now initiated the review proceedings and passed the order also.

The order earlier passed by the SDO granting permission to review, has been assailed on the sole ground that the said exercise has been undertaken

without issuing notice to the petitioner and without affording any opportunity of hearing.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the issue raised in this petition is no longer *res integra*. He submits that in identical matter WP(C) No. 1422 of 2015 vide order dated 01.10.2015, this Court relying upon the judgment passed by the Division Bench of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh in the case of **Biharilal v. State of M.P. and others and connected matter, 2010 (2) MPHT 115 (DB)** and another order of the Division Bench in the case of **Shaheed Anwar v. Board of Revenue and another, 2000 RN 76** has held that the order which was sought to be reviewed and in respect of which permission was obtained from SDO was passed in favour of the petitioners, and therefore, exercise of review undertaken under Section 51 of the Land Revenue Code necessarily required notices to be issued to the person in whose favour the order, sought to be reviewed was passed.

3. Learned State counsel submits that the grounds on which review has been sought are not valid. Therefore, only on this technical ground, the petitioners are not entitled to any relief.

4. The issue whether issuance of notice would be necessary to the party in whose favour the order, sought to be reviewed, was passed, need not detain this Court any longer because principles of natural justice has been violated. The order which was sought to be reviewed and in respect of which permission was obtained from SDO was admittedly passed in favour of the petitioners. Therefore, exercise of review undertaken under Section 51 of the Land Revenue Code necessarily requires notices to be issued to the petitioner.

In taking this view, I am supported by the order passed by the Division Bench

of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh in the case of **Biharilal v. State of M.P. and others and connected matter, 2010 (2) MPHT 115 (DB)** and another order of the Division Bench in the Case of **Shaheed Anwar v. Board of Revenue and another, 2000 RN 76.**

5. In view of the above, impugned orders cannot be sustained in law and are set aside. The concerned authority, however, shall be at liberty to initiate fresh proceedings after affording proper opportunity of hearing to the petitioner.

6. The petition is accordingly allowed.

Judge
(**Prashant Kumar Mishra**)