

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**

**WPS No.6650 of 2016**

Gopal Jain S/o Shri Bhanuram Jain Aged About 42 Years Occupation,  
Assistant Teacher Panchayat, Govt. Primary Shool Kurrutola R/o Gram  
Kurrutola Thana Aamabeda, District Uttar Bastar Kanker (Chhattisgarh)

**---- Petitioner**

**Versus**

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary, Panchayat, Gramin  
Vikash Vibhag, Mantralaya Naya Raipur (Chhattisgarh)
2. Director, Panchayat Sanchalnalay Chhattisgarh, Indrawati Bhawan,  
Naya Raipur (Chhattisgarh)
3. Chief Executive Officer, Zila Panchayat, Kanker, District Uttar  
Bastar Kanker (Chhattisgarh)
4. Chief Executive Officer, Janpad Panchayat Antagarh District Uttar  
Bastar Kanker Chhattisgarh
5. Collector, Kanker, District Uttar Bastar Kanker (Chhattisgarh)
6. District Education Officer, Kanker, District Uttar Bastar Kanker  
(Chhattisgarh)

**-----Respondents**

For Petitioner : Shri Abdul Wahab Khan, Advocate  
For State : Shri Dhiraj Wankhede, Govt. Advocate

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**Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjay K. Agrawal**

**Order On Board**

**07/12/2016**

1. The grievance ventilated through this petition is on account of non-consideration of petitioners' case for promotion on the next higher post of Teacher (Panchayat).
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioner is in public employment with avenue of promotion provided under the Govt.

recruitment rules known as Chhattisgarh Teacher (Panchayat) Cadre Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2012. It is submitted that the petitioner has completed minimum eligibility of 7 years and large number of posts of Teacher (Panchayat) are lying vacant. The petitioner enjoy a very high position in the seniority list and are therefore within the zone of consideration. However, till date, respondents have not considered the case of the petitioners for promotion.

3. Learned counsel for the State submits that this grievance can be ventilated by the petitioners invoking the remedy of statutory representation to the competent authority as provided under Rule 18 (1) (b) of the Panchayat Service (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1999 (for short “ the Rules of 1999 ”). A perusal of the aforesaid Rule clearly provides that a member of the Panchayat Service may make representation against an order which amongst others, denies promotion to a higher post or service to which is otherwise eligible according to recruitment rules and which is due to him in accordance to seniority.

4. This Court, in similar cases, has already disposed off the petition with a direction to consider representation in terms of statutory rules.

5. Accordingly, this petition is also disposed off with a direction that in case the petitioners prefer representation, the same shall be considered and decided by the authority by speaking order within a period of 6 months from the date of receipt of representation.

**Sd/-**

**(Sanjay K. Agrawal)**  
**Judge**

**L/-**