

NAFR

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

WPS No. 5415 of 2016

1. Gajanand Verma S/o Mannu Lal Verma, Aged About 35 Years Working As Assistant Teacher (Panchayat) At Govt. Primary School Fandatod, Block & Tah Kawardha, Dist. Kabirdham (Chhattisgarh)
2. Smt. Bharti Chandrakar W/o Shri Rajkumar Chandrakar, Aged About 36 Years Working As Assistant Teacher (Panchayat) At Govt. Primary School Biranpur, Block And Tahsil Kawardha, Dist. Kabirdham (Chhattisgarh)
3. Chandan Singh, S/o Shri Bishan Singh, Aged About 39 Years Working As Assistant Teacher (Panchayat) At Govt. Primary School Mirmitti, Block And Tahsil Kawardha, Dist. Kabirdham (Chhattisgarh)
4. Tikuram Sahu, S/o Same Ram Sahu, Aged About 46 Years Working As Assistant Teacher (Panchayat) At Govt. Primary School Mirmitti, Block And Tahsil Kawardha, Dist. Kabirdham (Chhattisgarh)
5. Ku. Priyanka Chandravanshi D/o Shri Jaleshwar Chandravanshi Aged About 28 Years Working As Assistant Teacher (Panchayat) At Govt. Primary School Kosmanda, Block And Tahsil Kawardha, Dist. Kabirdham (Chhattisgarh)

---- Petitioners

Versus

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, School Education Department, Mahanadi Bhawan, New Mantralaya, Naya Raipur (C.G.)
2. District Education Officer, Kawardha, District Kabirdham, Chhattisgarh
3. Chief Executive Officer, Zila Panchayat, Kawardha District Kabeerdham (Chhattisgarh)
4. Chief Executive Officer, Janpad Panchayat Kawardha District Kabirdham (Chhattisgarh)
5. Block Education Officer, Kawardha, District Kabirdham,

Chhattisgarh

---- Respondents

For Petitioners	:	Shri R.S. Patel, Advocate
For Respondent-State	:	Shri Gary Mukhopadhyay, G.A.

S.B.:Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjay K. Agrawal

Order On Board

03/10/2016

Heard on admission.

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 petitioners are 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 petitioners have completed minimum eligibility of 7 years and large number of posts of Teacher (Panchayat) are lying vacant. The petitioners 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 them 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