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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**WPS No. 2290 of 2017**

- Gopi Ram Verma S/o Shri Barasanram Verma, Aged About 40 Years R/o Village Dhara Ward No. 06, Tah. Dongargarh, Dist. Rajnandgaon (Chhattisgarh)

---- Petitioner**Versus**

1. State of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary, Department Of Panchayat & Rural Development, Chhattisgarh, Mahanadi Bhawan, Raipur (Chhattisgarh)
2. Block Education Officer, District Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh.
3. Chief Executive Officer, Jila Panchayat, Rajnandgaon, District Rajnandgaon (Chhattisgarh)
4. Smt. Jaya Prabha Tripathi, W/o Kishore Sharma, Shashkiya Purva Madhyamik Shala, Kohlatola, Block Chuikhadan, Distt. Rajnandgaon (Chhattisgarh)

---- Respondent

For Petitioner	Mr. Rahim Ubwani, Advocate
For Respondent /State	Mr. Shashank Thakur, Govt. Advocate

Hon'ble Shri Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra**Order On Board****17/5/2017**

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that since the petitioner is a member of Panchayat Service, therefore, statutory representation is provided under Rules 18(1)(b) of Panchayat Service (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1999. It is contended that since the matter relates to promotion,

therefore, the petitioner may be given liberty to move representation before the appropriate authority so that the statutory remedy, which is available to the petitioner may be exhausted.

2. The relevant Rule 18(1)(b) of Panchayat Service (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1999 as referred is quoted hereunder:-

“18. Representation on other cases.-(1) A member of the Panchayat Service may make representation against an order which.-

(a) x x x x x

(b) denies promotion to a higher post or service to which is other wise eligible according to the recruitment rules and which is due to him according to seniority; or”

3. After going through the facts, it is directed that in case the petitioner makes a suitable application as per Rules 18(1)(b) of Panchayat Service (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1999 along with application for condonation of delay, if so advised and places his grievances along with all the documents, in such cases, the prescribed authority may decide the same within further period of three months on the facts available before it.
4. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the case and the respondent authorities may decide the representation on its own merits.
5. With the aforesaid observation, the petition stands finally disposed off. No order as to cost(s).

Sd/-

Judge

(Prashant Kumar Mishra)