

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****WRIT PETITION (S) NO. 2525 OF 2018**

Smt. Sushma Pandey, W/o Avnish Pandey, aged about 33 years, working as Assistant Medical Officer, Samudaik Health Center, Manindragarh, District Koriya (C.G.)

... **Petitioner**

**versus**

1. State of Chhattisgarh, through the Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, Mahanadi Bhawan, Mantralaya, New Raipur (C.G.)
2. Director, Directorate of Health Services, Indrawati Bhawan, Mantralaya, New Raipur (C.G.)
3. Chief Medical & Health Officer, Janjgir, Baikunthpur, Dist. Koriya (C.G.)
4. Block Medical Officer, Block- Manindragarh, District Koriya (C.G.)

... **Respondents**

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| For Petitioner  | : | Mr. Amit Kumar, Advocate.   |
| For Respondents | : | Mr. B. Gopa Kumar, Dy. A.G. |

**Hon'ble Shri Justice P. Sam Koshy**

**Order on Board**

**22/03/2018**

1. The issue involved in the present case is the denial of maternity benefits to the Petitioner only on the ground that she is a contractual employee.

2. The said issue has already been decided by this Court in the case of **Devshree Bandhe v. Chhattisgarh State Power Holding Company Ltd. and others** in **W.P.(S) No. 101 of 2017**. The said judgment has also been reiterated in **W.P.(S) No. 3365 of 2017** decided on 26.07.2017 in the case of **Dr. Vijay Laxmin Chandra v. State of Chhattisgarh and others**.

3. Learned Counsel appearing for the Respondents fairly admits that the issue involved in the present writ petition is in fact covered by the aforesaid decision of this Court.

4. In the light of the aforesaid judgments passed by this Court, the present writ petition also deserves to be and is accordingly allowed, with a direction to Respondents No. 3 & 4 to ensure that the Petitioner is provided with all maternity benefits at par with the government employees.

5. The writ petition stands accordingly finally disposed of.

**Sd/-**  
**(P. Sam Koshy)**  
**Judge**