

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WRIT PETITION (S) NO. 4739 OF 2018

Dr. Aruna Rahangdale, W/o Shri Vinod Bopche, aged about 33 years, working as Ayush Medical Officer, Community Health Center, Bagbahra, District Mahasamund (CG)

... Petitioner

versus

1. State of Chhattisgarh, through: the Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, New Raipur (CG)
2. The Director, Directorate of Health and Family Welfare, New Raipur(CG)
3. The Chief Medical and Health Officer, District Mahasamund (CG)
4. The Mission Director, National Health Mission, Raipur, Fourth Floor, Chhattisgarh Housing Board Commercial Premises (South-East Corner), Sector-07, New Raipur (CG)
5. The Block Medical Officer, Community Health Centre, Bagbahra, District Mahasamund (CG)

... Respondents

For Petitioner	:	Ms. Rabiya Khan , Advocate.
For Respondent-State	:	Mr. Ashutosh Pandey, Panel Lawyer.
For Respondent 4	:	Mr. C.J.K. Rao, Advocate.

Hon'ble Shri Justice P. Sam Koshy

Order on Board

24/07/2018

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 Vs. Chhattisgarh State Power Holding Company Ltd. & 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 Vs. State of Chhattisgarh & others**.
3. Learned State Counsel 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 the Respondents 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