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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**Writ Petition (S) No. 5480 of 2018**

Smt. Anamika Verma W/o Shri Santosh Kumar Verma, Aged About 38 Years, Presently Working As Lecturer Panchayat At Govt. High School Nimora (RMS), Block Abhanpur, District Raipur, Chhattisgarh

---- Petitioner**Versus**

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Department Of Panchayat And Rural Development, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Naya Raipur, District Raipur, Chhattisgarh
2. Commissioner- Cum Director, Directorate Of Panchayat, Naya Raipur, District Raipur, Chhattisgarh
3. Chief Executive Officer, Zila Panchayat, Gariyaband, District Gariyaband, Chhattisgarh
4. Block Education Officer, Gariyaband, District Gariyaband, Chhattisgarh

---- Respondents

For Petitioner	:	Shri C. Jayant K. Rao, Advocate
For State	:	Shri R. K. Gupta, Dy. A.G.

Hon'ble Shri Justice P. Sam Koshy**Order On Board****24.08.2018**

There are two reliefs sought for by the petitioner in this writ petition. One is for a direction to the respondents for grant of maternity leave and second is for releasing the unpaid salary for the period from 28.04.2011 to 20.07.2011.

2. So far as the unpaid salary part is concerned, in the light of the observation made by the Block Education Officer dated 09.10.2013 Annexure P-3, let the petitioner make a detail representation in this regard to the Block Education Officer i.e. respondent no.4 within a period of 4 weeks from today and on receipt of the said representation, the respondent no.4 shall decide the claim of the petitioner within a further period of 60 days so far as the issue of unpaid salary for the aforesaid period is concerned.

3. So far as granting of maternity leave is concerned, the said issue has already been decided by this Court in the case of **Devshree Bandhe vs. Chhattisgarh State Power Holding Company Limited and others** in WPS 101/2017. The said judgment has also been reiterated in **WPS No. 3365 of 2017** decided on 26.07.2017 in the case of **Dr. Vijay Laxmin Chandra vs. State of Chhattisgarh and others**.

4. In the light of the aforesaid judgments passed by this Court, the present writ petition 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. Accordingly, the writ petition stands allowed.

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