

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPURWPS No. 6180 of 2018

Devendra Kumar Sonwani S/o Shri Tukaram Sonwani, Aged About 45 Years, Presently Posted As Lecturer At Government High School, Chirpota Block Balodabazar, District Balodabazar Bhatapara Chhattisgarh.

---Petitioner

Versus

1. State Of Chhattisgarh, Through The Secretary, Department Of Panchayat And Rural Development, Mantralaya, Police Station Rakhi Tahsil Aarang, Naya Raipur District Raipur Chhattisgarh.
2. Secretary, Department Of Education, Mantralaya, Police Station Rakhi, Tahsil Aarang, Naya Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh.
3. Chief Executive Officer, Zila Panchayat Balodabazar, District Balodabazar - Bhatapara Chhattisgarh.

---Respondents

For petitioner	:	Shri K.P.Sahu, Advocate.
For State	:	Shri Ratan Pusty, Government Advocate.

Hon'ble Shri Justice P. Sam Koshy

Order on Board

20/09/2018

1. The limited prayer which the petitioner has sought in this writ petition is for a direction to respondent no.1 to take a decision on the claim of the petitioners for grant of two advance increments on his obtaining B.Ed./D.Ed. certificate both prior to appointment as well as subsequent to the appointment which is being otherwise provided to the Govt. teachers.
2. The claim of the petitioner is based on the fact that the nature of duties discharged by him as Shiksha Karmis are identical and similar to the government teachers and his services have also now got merged with the

Education Department. Therefore, the benefits which are being extended to the government teachers should also be extended to the petitioner.

3. Given the nature of dispute and also the fact that the claim of the petitioner would require a policy decision on the part of the State Govt., this court does not intend to keep the petition pending any further, rather ends of justice would meet if the petition is disposed of with a direction to the petitioner to make a detailed representation in this regard within 2 weeks' from today and on receipt of such representation the respondents 1 & 2 shall take a decision in this regard by verifying as to whether the petitioner would also be entitled for similar benefits as are being granted to the regular government teachers. It is ordered accordingly. Let this exercise be concluded within a period of 4 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. It shall be the responsibility of the petitioner to bring the order of this Court to the notice of respondents 1 & 2 along with any fresh representation, if they so prefer.

4. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed anything on merits of the case so far as the entitlement of the petitioner is concerned. The Respondents shall be at liberty to take a decision independently.

Sd/-

(P. Sam Koshy)
JUDGE