

NAFR**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR****Writ Petition (S) No. 7510 of 2018**

1. Manoj Kumar Verma S/o Punau Ram Verma Aged About 48 Years
Presently Working As Lecturer (L. B.) At Govt. Higher Secondary
School, Anandgaon, Block Berla, District Bemetara, Chhattisgarh
2. Pawan Kumar Sahu S/o Hemnath Sahu, Aged About 50 Years,
Presently Working As Lecturer (L. B.) At Govt. Higher Secondary
School, Anandgaon, Block Berla, District Bemetara, Chhattisgarh

---- Petitioner**Versus**

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Department Of
Panchayat And Rural Development, Mantralaya, P. S. Rakhi, Tahsil
Aarang Naya Raipur, District Raipur, Chhattisgarh
2. Secretary, Department Of Education Mantralaya, P. S. Rakhi, Tahsil
Aarang, Naya Raipur, District Raipur, Chhattisgarh
3. Chief Executive Officer, Zila Panchayat Bemetara, District Bemetara,
Chhattisgarh

---- Respondents

For Petitioners	:	Shri K. P. Sahu, Advocate
For Respondent/State	:	Shri Majid Ali, Dy. Govt. Advocate

Hon'ble Shri Justice P. Sam Koshy**Order On Board****15/11/2018**

The limited prayer which the petitioners have 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 their 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 petitioners is based on the fact that the nature of duties discharged by them as Shiksha Karmis are identical and similar to the government teachers and their 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 petitioners. The petitioners in this regard have made representations to the respondents.

3. Given the nature of dispute and also the fact that the claim of the petitioners 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 respondents 1 & 2 to take a decision in this regard as to whether the petitioners 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 petitioners are concerned. The Respondents shall be at liberty to take a decision independently.

Sd/-
(P. Sam Koshy)
JUDGE