

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**WRIT PETITION (S) NO.3763 OF 2019**

1. Ramratan Dewangan S/o Late Shri Anjori Dewngan Aged About 75 Years R/o Vishnu Cycle Store, Ward No. 13, Behind Primary School, Singhori, Bemetara, District Bemetara Chhattisgarh.

...Petitioner(s)**Versus**

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Health And Welfare Department, new Mantralaya Atal Nagar, Raipur , District Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
2. Chief Medical Officer Rajnandgaon, District Rajnandgaon Chhattisgarh
3. Block Medical Officer Community Health Center Ambagarh Chowki, District Rajnandgaon Chhattisgarh.
4. Union Of India Through The Secretary, Finance Department, Government Of India New Delhi.
5. Accountant General Of Chhattisgarh Zero Point Baloda Bazar Road, Raipur , District Raipur Chhattisgarh.
6. Senior Deputy Accountant General Zero Point Baloda Bazar Road, Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh.

... Respondent(s)

For Petitioner	:	Shri Neeraj Pradhan, Advocate.
For Respondent-State	:	Shri Arvind Dubey, Panel Lawyer.
For Respondents 4 to 6	:	Shri Raj Kumar Gupta, Advocate.

Hon'ble Shri Justice P. Sam Koshy**Order on Board****16.05.2019**

1. The grievance of the petitioner is in respect of withdrawal made from the GPF account of the petitioner way back in the year, 1997.
2. This court, prima facie, is of the opinion that this petition suffers from delay and laches. The alleged withdrawal has been made in the year, 1997. The petitioner was in service even after that for a period around six years, during which time the petitioner did not care to raise an objection in this regard. The petitioner stood retired from service w.e.f. 2004. The present writ petition has been filed after more than 15 years from the date of retirement. No plausible explanation has been given for filing of this petition after 15 years from the date of retirement.

3. Accordingly, the writ petition stands dismissed on the ground of delay and laches.
4. Needless to mention that though this court has not entertained the writ petition, but that would not preclude the petitioner from approaching the authorities in the department or any other forum available to the petitioner so far as the complaint of illegal withdrawal from the GPF account is concerned.

Sd/-
(P. Sam Koshy)
Judge