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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPL No. 197 of 2019

1. Arun Verma, S/o Shri Kanshi Ram Verma, Aged About 30 Years, R/o Village: Dilipur, Tahsil And Police Station: Khairagarh, District : Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh
2. Sahayak Lodhi, S/o Shri Shankar Lodhi, Aged About 30 Years, R/o Village: Dilipur, Tahsil And Police Station Khairagarh, District : Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh
3. Subhash, S/o Shri Somnath, Aged About 32 Years, R/o Village Dilipur, Tahsil And Police Station Khairagarh, District : Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh
4. Alakh, S/o Shri Shivcharan, Aged About 30 Years, R/o Village Dilipur, Tahsil And Police Station Khairagarh, District : Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh
5. Balesh, S/o Shri Kishun Ram, Aged About 27 Years, R/o Village Korram, Tahsil And Police Station Chhuikhadan, District : Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh
6. Santram, S/o Shri Ramdayal, Aged About 35 Years, R/o Village Birutola, Tahsil And Police Station Chhuikhadan, District : Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh

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Versus

1. Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division Khairagarh, District : Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh
2. Sub Divisional Officer, Public Works Department, Divisional Chhuikhadan, District: Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh

---Respondents

For Petitioners	:	Mr. Shikhar Sharma, Advocate
For Respondents	:	Mr. Anshuman Shrivastava, P.L.

Hon'ble Shri Justice P. Sam Koshy

Order on Board

18.09.2019

1. The challenge in the present Writ Petition is to the order passed by the Labour Court, Rajnandgaon in Case No. 34/ID Act/2017/Reference dated 11.04.2019 Annexure P-1.
2. Vide the same impugned order, the Learned Labour Court has rejected the dispute holding it not to be maintainable, as the dispute has been raised in a group. The cause of action under challenge before the Labour Court was the order of alleged termination of service, which took place in January, 2015 in respect of the workers who have raised the dispute.
3. The finding of the Labour Court is that, since the dispute raised is an individual dispute could not be questioned in a group. The Court finds that the petitioners have to challenge their respective orders of termination independently, the dispute is a dispute which cannot be raised in a group and has rightly been held to be not maintainable. This Court is also of the opinion that, the views expressed by the Labour Court is not in any manner bad-in-law.
4. Moreover, the case has been held to be non-maintainable on the technical ground of it being raised in a group it would not preclude the individual worker including the petitioner in raising a new dispute before the appropriate Labour Court under the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.
5. Reserving the right of the petitioners to raise their grievance individually before the concerned Labour Court.
6. The present Writ Petition stands disposed off affirming the order passed by the Labour Court. It is made clear that subject to the petitioners

raising their dispute individually this award passed by the Labour Court dated 11.04.2019 in Case No. 34/ID Act/2017/Reference would not come in their way nor it can be construed from being barred under the principles of *res-judicata*.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the present Writ Petition stands disposed-off.

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