

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

WPS No. 8233 of 2019

Christ Manju Nirmala Ekka, D/o. Jeewel Ekka, Aged About 44 Years, Presently Working As Lecturer (L.B.) At Government High School Kusu, Block Lakhanpur, District Surguja, Chhattisgarh.

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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 Surguja, District Surguja, Chhattisgarh.
4. District Education Officer, Surguja, District Surguja, Chhattisgarh.
5. Chief Executive Officer, Janpad Panchayat Lakhanpur, District Surguja, Chhattisgarh.
6. Block Education Officer, Lakhanpur, District Surguja, Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondents

For Petitioner	:	Mr. C. Jayant K. Rao, Advocate
For State	:	Mr. Soumya Rai, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri

Order On Board

14.10.2019

Heard.

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 petitioner for grant of two advance increments on her 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 her as Shiksha Karmi are identical and similar to the government teachers and her 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 respondents 1 & 2 to take a decision in this regard 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 she 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 are concerned. The Respondents shall be at liberty to take a decision independently.

Sd/-
Goutam Bhaduri
Judge