

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR**WPS No. 8518 of 2018**

1. Rajendra Kumar Pandey S/o Shri Sunder Lal Pandey, Aged About 51 Years Working As Teacher (L.B.) At Govt. Middle School, Karva, Block Kota, District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh
2. Vasant Kumar Pandey, S/o Shri Sundar Lal Pandey, Aged About 45 Years Working As Lecturer (L.B.) At Govt. High School, Jogipur, Block Kota, District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh
3. Smt. Sanskriti Pandey Earlier Sanskriti Shastri, D/o Shri Ramgopal Shastri, Aged About 42 Years Working As Lecturer (L.B.) At Govt. High School, Amali, Block Kota, District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh

---- Petitioners**Versus**

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Department Of Panchayat And Rural Development, Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh
2. Secretary, Department Of Education, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh
3. Director, Directorate Of Chhattisgarh Public Instructions, Atal Nagar, Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh
4. Chief Executive Officer, Zila Panchayat, Bilaspur District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh.
5. District Education Officer, Bilaspur District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh.
6. Chief Executive Officer, Janpad Panchayat, Kota District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh.
7. Block Education Officer, Kota, District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh.

----Respondents

For Petitioners	:	Mr. C. Jayant K. Rao, Advocate
For State	:	Mr. Saleem Kazi, Dy. A.G.

Hon'ble Shri Justice P. Sam Koshy**Order on Board****04/01/2019**

1. 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.
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 petitioners 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