

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

WPS No. 10331 of 2019

Mahendra Kumar Panda, S/o. Late Rantidev Panda, Aged About 64 Years,
Retired Deputy Forest Ranger Resident Of Village, Post Garh Umariya
Tahsil Pusour, District Raigarh Chhattisgarh.

--- Petitioner

Versus

1. State Of Chhattigarh, Through The Secretary, Department Of Forest,
Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, New Raipur, District Raipur
Chhattisgarh.
2. Divisional Forest Officer, Raigarh Forest Division, Raigarh, District Raigarh
Chhattisgarh.

-- Respondents

For Petitioner : Mr. Ajay Shrivastava, Advocate

For Respondents : Ms. Akanksha Jain, Dy. Govt. Advocate

Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri

Order on Board

09.12.2019

1. The claim of the petitioner in the present writ petition is for a direction to the respondents to grant pensionary benefits by adding one increment which the petitioner was entitled for, on continuous working for one year before the date of retirement.
2. The case of the petitioner is that the petitioner was working as Deputy Forest Ranger had retired on 30.06.2017 and was entitled for the benefit of one increment from 1st July. According to counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner was entitled for increment for the services rendered in the previous year and therefore have earned the said benefit and while granting pensionary benefits, that one increment which fell due on working for one year before the retirement in the previous year, should have been added for the purpose of determining pension and pensionary benefits.

3. At this juncture, the counsel for the petitioner brought to the notice of the court a recent circular of the General Administration Department of the Govt. of Chhattisgarh dated 11.06.2019 whereby the State Govt., as a Policy decision, has decided to grant one increment to those employees who retire on 30th June, 2018 while fixing their pension and pensionary benefits.
4. Learned State Counsel do not dispute the fact brought to the notice of the court by the petitioner and she also do not dispute the fact that the similar order has been passed by this Court.
5. Given the aforesaid decision of the State Govt. dated 11.6.2019 the respondents are directed to consider the case of the petitioner so far as adding one annual increment to the last wages drawn by the petitioner is concerned for the purpose of determining pension and retiral dues which the petitioner would be entitled for. Let this exercise be completed by the respondents within a period of four months from the date of receipt of copy of this order.
6. With the above observations, this writ petition stands disposed off.

Sd/-
GOUTAM BHADURI
JUDGE