

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**WPS No. 991 of 2020**

Dinesh Kumar Sharma S/o Late Shri Ram Kumar Sharma Aged About 63 Years R/o Mungeli Naka, Prem Apartment, Flat No. - 202, Bilaspur Police Station- Civil Line, Tahsil & District- Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

---- Petitioner**Versus**

1. State of Chhattisgarh Through Its Secretary, Department of Water Resource, Mahanadi Mantralaya, Police Station and Post Rakhi, Atal Nagar Raipur, District- Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
2. Engineer in Chief, Office of Engineer in Chief, Water Resource Department, Police Station and Post- Rakhi, Atal Nagar, Raipur, District- Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
3. Joint Director, Office of Joint Director, Kosh-Lekha-Penson, Near Collectorate Office, Bilaspur, District- Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.
4. Executive Engineer, Office of Executive Engineer, Water Resource Division, Kota, District- Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondents

For Petitioner	: Mr. Abhishek Pandey, Advocate with Ms. Deepika Sannat, Advocate.
For Respondent/State	: Mr. Soumya Rai, PL.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri**Order on Board****14.02.2020**

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 retired on 30.06.2018 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 has 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 while fixing their pension and pensionary benefits.
4. Learned State Counsel do not object to the submission made by counsel for the petitioner.
5. Given the aforesaid decision of the State Government dated 11.06.2019 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 observation, this writ petition stands disposed off.

Sd/-
(Goutam Bhaduri)
Judge