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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**WPS No. 1472 of 2020**

Dharmendra Kumar Sharma S/o Shri Ramesh Kumar Sharma Aged About 40 Years Posted As Steno Typist, In The Office of Collector, Bemetara, District - Bemetara, Chhattisgarh And Presently Working In The Office of Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Naya Raipur, District - Raipur Chhattisgarh. **--- Petitioner**

Versus

1. State of Chhattisgarh through Its Secretary, Department of General Administration, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Naya Raipur, District - Raipur Chhattisgarh.
2. Collector Bemetara, District Bemetara Chhattisgarh. **--- Respondents**

For Petitioner	:	Shri Pawan Shrivastava, Advocate
For Respondent/State	:	Shri Neeraj Pradhan, PL for the State

Justice Goutam Bhaduri**Order On Board****04-03-2020**

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

1. This petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is preferred by the petitioner, a steno-typist, seeking a direction to the respondents to grant him benefit of revised pay-scale, which the petitioner is claiming on the strength of State Government's circular dated 18-2-1983 & 4-2-1985.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that based on the above circulars, different departments of the State Government have granted benefit of revised pay-scale of steno-typist, as would be apparent from the order filed collectively as Annexure P-3, therefore, the petitioner is also entitled for similar treatment.

3. Learned State counsel would submit that if the petitioner prefers fresh representation before the competent authority, the said authority shall consider the representation and decide the same, in accordance with law.
4. Considering the entire facts situation of the case, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction that in the event, the petitioner prefers fresh representation within a period of one month raising his grievance, the competent authority shall consider and decide the same by speaking order at the earliest, preferably within a period of three months from the date of submission of representation.
5. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the case and the respondent authorities shall decide the matter, on its own merits, strictly in accordance with law, without treating any observation made in this order, as opinion on the merits of the case.

Sd/-
(Goutam Bhaduri)
Judge