

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

W.P.(S) No. 1673 of 2020

Rajesh Kumar Thawait, S/o. Late M.R. Thawait, Aged About 64 Years, Retired From The Post Of Chief Executive Officer, Janpad Panchayat Katghora, District- Korba, Chhattisgarh.

--- Petitioner

Versus

1. State Of Chhattisgarh, Through The Secretary, General Administration Department, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur, District- Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
2. Secretary, Finance Department, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Raipur, District- Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
3. Secretary, Schedule Caste And Schedule Tribe Development Department, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Raipur, District- Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
4. Commissioner, Schedule Caste And Schedule Tribe Development Department, Indrawati Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur, District- Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

--- Respondents

For Petitioner	: Mr. C. Jayant K. Rao, Advocate
For State	: Ms. Binu Sharma, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri

Order on Board

12.03.2020

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 aforesaid observation, this writ petition stands disposed off.

Sd/-
(GOUTAM BHADURI)
JUDGE

Aks