

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**Writ Petition (S) No.6507 of 2010**

1. Visheshwar Prasad Soni, S/o Late Shri Indradev Prasad Soni, Aged about 57 years, Posted as Sub Auditor, Office of Deputy Director, Panchayat and Social Welfare, District Surguja (CG)
2. Jonarther Tirkey S/o Shri Jeevandan Tirkey, Aged about 53 years, Posted as Sub Auditor, Office of Deputy Director, Panchayat and Social Welfare, District Surguja (CG)
3. Shivshankar Singh S/o Late Shri Gandur Singh, Aged about 53 years, Posted as Sub Auditor, Office of Deputy Director, Panchayat and Social Welfare, District Surguja (CG)
4. Ramnath Ram S/o Late Shri Hagru Ram, Aged about 51 years, Posted as Sub Auditor, Office of Deputy Director, Panchayat and Social Welfare, District Surguja (CG)
5. Komal Singh Chowdhri S/o Shri M.L. Chowdhri, Aged about 58 years, Posted as Sub Auditor, Office of Deputy Director, Panchayat and Social Welfare, District Surguja (CG)
6. Ramdas Rai S/o Late Shri Rajaram, Aged about 53 years, Posted as Sub Auditor, Office of Deputy Director, Panchayat and Social Welfare, District Surguja (CG)
7. Dilip Kumar Aditya S/o Late Shri Puniram, Aged about 54 years, Posted as Sub Auditor, Office of Deputy Director, Panchayat and Social Welfare, District Surguja (CG)
8. Safiulla Khan, S/o Late Shri Rahamat Ulla Khan, Aged about 52 years, Posted as Sub Auditor, Office of Deputy Director, Panchayat and Social Welfare, District Surguja (CG)
9. Philip Kujur, S/o Late Shri Antonis Kujur, Aged about 44 years, Posted as Sub Auditor, Office of Deputy Director, Panchayat and Social Welfare, District Surguja (CG)

----- **Petitioners**

Versus

1. State of Chhattisgarh Through the Secretary, Department of Panchayat and Social Welfare, Mantralaya, D.K.S. Bhawan, Raipur (CG)
2. The Secretary, Department of Panchayat and Social Welfare, Mantralaya, D.K.S. Bhawan Raipur (CG)
3. Director Directorate Panchayat and Social Welfare Chhattisgarh, D.K.S. Bhawan, Mahanadi Block, Raipur (CG)

4. Shri Gandhiram Vishwal Posted as Senior Internal Audit and Taxation Officer, Janpad Panchayat Bagicha, District Jashpur (CG)
5. Shri Mahaveer Singh Rajput, Posted as Senior Internal Audit and Taxation Officer, Janpad Panchayat Bagicha, District Jashpur (CG)
6. Mohd. Tasleem Posted as Senior Internal Audit and Taxation Officer, Janpad Panchayat Bagicha, District Jashpur (CG)
7. Shri Lakshman Bhoje Posted as Senior Internal Audit and Taxation Officer, Janpad Panchayat Bagicha, District Jashpur (CG)

----- Respondents

For Petitioners : Mr. Shantanu Awasthi, Advocate
 For Res.No.1 to 3 : Mr. Soumya Rai, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjay K. Agrawal
Order on Board

3.8.2021

1. Proceedings of this matter have been taken-up through video conferencing.
2. Mr. Shantanu Awasthi, learned counsel for the petitioners, would submit that the petitioners were earlier working on the post of Sub Auditor on pay scale of Rs.4000-5000/-, whereas pay scale of Internal Account Audit and Taxation Officer is Rs.4500-7000 and pay scale of Senior Internal Account Audit and Taxation Officer is Rs.5000-8000 though they are in junior posts. Therefore, such a pay fixation is arbitrary and illegal. However, since most of petitioners have retired, they may be allowed to make a representation to the State Government for giving pay scale at par with those officers.
3. Prayer appears to be fair and reasonable.

4. The petitioners are allowed to make a representation within 30 days from today before the State Government claiming rectification in pay scale and for grant of higher pay scale at par with those officers, which will be considered by the State Government within next 60 days from the date of receipt of representation by passing a reasoned and speaking order in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.
5. With the aforesaid observation / direction, the writ petition finally stands disposed of. NO order as to cost(s).

Sd/-

(Sanjay K.Agrawal)
Judge

B/-