

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

Writ Petition (S) No. 5645 of 2021

1. Sudarshan Singh Jagat S/o Shri Budhwar Singh Jagat Aged About 61 Years Working As Deputy Ranger, Forest Katra, Range-Baloda, Forest Division Janjgir-Champa, District-Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.

---Petitioner(s)

Versus

1. State of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary Of Forest Ministry, Mahanadi Bhawan, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator Of Forest (Hoff) Department Of Forest Chhattisgarh, Aranya Bhawan Sector 19, Kotara Bhantha, Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
3. The Chief Conservator Of Forest Bilaspur Forest Circle, Sindhi Colony Road, Jarhabhata, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh., District : Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh
4. The Divisional Forest Officer Janjgir Champa Division, Jagdalla Road, Champa, District- Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.
5. Shri Chandrashekhar Khande C/o Office Of Baloda Forest Range, Baloda Divisional Forest Officer Janjgir-Champa, District- Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.

---Respondents

For Petitioner	:	Shri Sandeep Dubey, Advocate.
For Respondents-State	:	Ms. Sunita Jain, Govt. Advocate.

Hon'ble Shri Justice P. Sam Koshy

Order on Board

07.10.2021

1. Aggrieved by the impugned order dated 28.07.2021, the present writ petition has been filed. Vide the impugned order, the place of posting of the petitioner has been shifted from Forest Range Katra from the post of Range Assistant and has been posted as Officers on Special Duty under Baloda Forest Division.
2. The contention of the petitioner is that he has got just around a little over one year of service left for his superannuation and at this fag end of his service career shifting of petitioner from one place to another putting the petitioner to inconvenience. Second ground is that the petitioner has been shifted from forest range Katra and he is being replaced by a Forest Guard who otherwise would not be eligible to hold and discharge the duties of

Range Assistant, Forest Division Katra. Third ground of the petitioner is that the petitioner has been shifted only to accommodate the respondent No.3 and that too has been issued by the Divisional Forest Officer.

3. According to counsel for the petitioner even till date the petitioner is discharging his duties as Range Assistant Katra and the impugned order till date has not been acted upon.
4. Be that as it may, considering the facts and circumstances of the case, let the petitioner make an appropriate representation before the respondents No.3 & 4 within a period of seven days and the respondents No.3&4 in turn shall consider and decide the representation strictly in accordance with the policy governing the field within a period of 30 days from the date of representation. Purely as an interim measure, till the representation of the petitioner is decided, let status quo as it exist today so far as posting part is concerned, be maintained by the parties.
5. The writ petition accordingly stands disposed of.

Sd/-
(P. Sam Koshy)
Judge