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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPS No. 5202 of 2026

Sushil Kumar Suman S/o Mahendra Prasad Singh Aged About 42 Years R/o Village Nayagaon P/o Nayaganj, District - Vaishali Bihar

... Petitioner

versus

1 - Union of India Through The Secretary Ministry of Finance Department of Financial Services Jeevan Deep Building Parliament Street, New Delhi – 110001

2 - Central Bank of India Through Its Chairman Central Bank of India Nariman Point Mumbai - 400021, District Mumbai Maharashtra

3 - The Branch Manager Central Bank of India C L D Raipur, Main Branch Raipur District- Raipur Chhattisgarh

4 - Institute of Banking Personnel Selection Through Its Director I B P S House Plot No.C-7 G Block- Bandra Kurla Complex Bandra East Mumbai- 400051 Maharashtra

... Respondents

For Petitioner	:	Mr. Anadi Sharma, Advocate
For UOI / Respondent No.1	:	Mr. Rishabh Dev Singh, Advocate appears on behalf of Mr. Ramakant Mishra, DSGI
For Respondent Nos.2 & 3	:	Mr. Anand Shukla, Advocate

(Hon’ble Shri Justice Bibhu Datta Guru)

Order on Board

28/10/2026

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1. The petitioner has filed the present writ petition challenging the communication/order dated 24.03.2026 issued by the Central Bank of India, whereby his appointment to the post of Customer Service Associate was annulled on account of his failure to report for joining within the stipulated period.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was offered appointment to the post of Customer Service Associate vide appointment letter dated 27.08.2025 and was initially required to report for joining on 08.09.2025. Since the petitioner was unable to join within the stipulated period, he submitted a request dated 08.09.2025 seeking an extension of two months. It is contended that although the respondent Bank subsequently extended the joining period up to 08.12.2025, the said extension was never communicated to him. The petitioner, therefore, contends that the annulment of his appointment, without proper communication of the extended joining date and without affording him an opportunity to explain the circumstances, is arbitrary and unsustainable in law.

3. Learned counsel appearing for respondents No. 2 and 3 submits that the petitioner was granted an extension of time to join the service up to 08.12.2025, but he failed to report for joining even within the extended period. It is further submitted that the petitioner subsequently joined the Postal Department on 17.11.2025 and made an enquiry regarding the status of his appointment with the respondent Bank only on 08.01.2026. On these grounds, the respondent Bank has justified the impugned action

in its return. However, learned counsel appearing for respondents No. 2 and 3, upon instructions, fairly submits that, having regard to the fact that the extension of the joining period was communicated to the petitioner telephonically and no written communication in that regard was issued to him, the respondent Bank has no objection if the petitioner is afforded one more opportunity to join the post of Customer Service Associate. Learned counsel, accordingly, submits that the writ petition may be allowed by granting the petitioner 15 days' time to join the service from the date of receipt of a copy of the order.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the documents.

5. Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, particularly the aforesaid stand taken on behalf of respondents No. 2 and 3, this Court is of the view that the ends of justice would be served by permitting the petitioner one further opportunity to join the post in question. The fact that the extension of the joining period was communicated telephonically, without any written communication being issued to the petitioner, also lends support to the course proposed by learned counsel appearing for the respondent Bank.

6. Accordingly, the writ petition is allowed. The impugned communication/order dated 24.03.2026, whereby the appointment of the petitioner to the post of Customer Service Associate was annulled, is hereby set aside. Respondents No. 2 and 3/Central Bank of India are directed to permit the petitioner to join the post of Customer Service Associate within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of a copy of

this order, subject to completion of the requisite joining formalities and fulfillment of the applicable eligibility conditions.

7. It is made clear that the petitioner shall report for joining within the aforesaid period of 15 days from the date of receipt of copy of this order, failing which the respondent Bank shall be at liberty to proceed in accordance with law.

8. In view of the aforesaid submissions, the writ petition stands allowed in the above terms.

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(Bibhu Datta Guru)
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