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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPC No. 4104 of 2024

Omprakash Mishra S/o. Late R.L. Mishra Aged About 58 Years R/o. Quarter - 29/b, Mannam Nagar, Dhanora, P.O. Hanoda Tehsil District - Durg (C.G.)

... Petitioner(s)

versus

1 - The Kuladhipati Chhattisgarh Swami Vivekanand Technical University Bhilai, Raj Bhavan, Raipur – 492001

2 - The Secretary To Governor (Deleted) As Per Honble Court Order Dated 05-05-2025.

3 - The Secretary Technical Education Department Government Of Chhattisgarh, Mantralaya, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar, District- Raipur - 492002 (C.G.)

4 - Dr. M.K. Verma Presently Working As Vice Chancellor, Chhattisgarh Swami Vivekanand Technical University, Newai, P.O. Newai, Bhilai, District - Durg (C.G.)

5 - The Registrar Chhattisgarh Swami Vivekanand Technical University, Newai, P.O. Newai, Bhilai, District - Durg (C.G.)

.. Respondent(s)

For Petitioner	: Mr. Ashwin Panickar, Advocate
For State	: Mr. Avinash Chand Sahu, Dy. A.G.
For Respective Respondents	: None present

Hon’ble Mr. Justice Amitendra Kishore Prasad

Order on Board

04.11.2026

1. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that the petitioner had submitted certain representations before Respondent No. 1 against Respondent No. 4, the incumbent Vice-Chancellor of Chhattisgarh Swami Vivekanand Technical University, alleging that Respondent No. 4 was acting in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the University. The said representations were forwarded by Respondent No. 2 to Respondent No. 3 with a direction to conduct an inquiry and submit its findings to the petitioner as well as to the office of Respondent No. 1. However, despite the representations having been submitted as far back as 15.11.2021, Respondent No. 3 has failed to conduct the inquiry and submit its findings. Instead, vide letters dated 14.06.2024 and 08.07.2024, Respondent No. 5 has called upon the petitioner to appear before it and present his grievances against Respondent No. 4. The learned counsel further submits that the conduct of Respondent No. 5, who is subordinate to Respondent No. 4, is in violation of the principles of natural justice. It is further contended that the failure on the part of Respondent No. 3 to conduct the inquiry and submit its findings despite the directions issued by Respondent No. 2 is arbitrary, unreasonable and unsustainable in law. Hence, the petitioner has filed the present petition seeking the following reliefs:

> *“ 10.1 The Hon'ble Court may call for records from Respondent authorities.*

10.2 The Hon'ble Court may restrain Respondent No.5 to further proceeding with the Complaints made by the Petitioner against the Respondent No.4.

10.3 The Hon'ble Court may direct the Respondent No.3 to conclude the investigation proceedings and submit the same to Respondent No.1 within one month after giving the Petitioner to present and opportunity substantiate his complaints against Respondent No.4 and provide a copy of his findings to the Petitioner.

10.4 The Hon’ble Court may direct the respondent No. 1 to dispose of the representations of the petitioner after receipt of findings of the respondent No. 3 within one month.

10.5 The Hon’ble Court may grant cost of the petition to the petitioner.

10.6 Any other relief, which this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper, may also be passed in favour of the petitioner.

2. Learned State counsel submits that Respondent No. 4, against whom the allegations have been levelled by the petitioner, has

already demitted office upon completion of his tenure in August, 2025. It is further submitted that as informed to this Court vide order dated 30.10.2026, a new Vice-Chancellor has since assumed charge in place of the erstwhile Vice-Chancellor (Respondent No. 4). In view of the aforesaid developments, learned State counsel submits that no cause survives for further adjudication in the present matter.

3. Having considered the submissions advanced by learned counsel appearing for the respective parties and upon perusal of the material available on record, this Court finds that the grievance raised by the petitioner primarily relates to the alleged misconduct and conduct of Respondent No. 4, who was then holding the office of Vice-Chancellor of Chhattisgarh Swami Vivekanand Technical University, Newai, Bhilai, District Durg (C.G.). The petitioner had sought appropriate action on the basis of the representations submitted against Respondent No. 4 and had also questioned the inaction on the part of the concerned authorities in conducting an inquiry and submitting their findings. However, during the pendency of the present petition, a subsequent development has taken place, inasmuch as Respondent No. 4 has already demitted office upon completion of his tenure in August, 2025 and a new Vice-Chancellor has since assumed charge of the University. In view of the aforesaid subsequent development, the allegations levelled by the petitioner against the erstwhile Vice-Chancellor have, to a considerable extent, lost their

present significance and the controversy raised in the petition has become largely academic in nature. This Court is of the considered view that in the facts and circumstances of the present case, no effective or meaningful relief can now be granted to the petitioner in respect of the grievances raised against Respondent No. 4, who is no longer holding the office in question.

4. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, this Court does not find any justification for keeping the present petition pending for further adjudication.

5. Consequently, the writ petition stands **dismissed.**

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(Amitendra Kishore Prasad)
Judge

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