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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPS No. 7260 of 2026

1 - Jaipal Sahu S/o Premsukh Sahu Aged About 51 Years Occupation Service, Posted As Panchayat Secretary Presently At Gram Panchayat Beldagi, Janpad Panchayat Lakhanpur, District Surguja (Ambikapur), Chhattisgarh

2 - Vanshram Anant S/o Bhujbal Ram Anant Aged About 56 Years Occupation Service, Posted As Panchayat Secretary Presently At Gram Panchayat Losangi, Janpad Panchayat Lakhanpur, District Surguja (Ambikapur), Chhattisgarh

3 - Shivnarayan Singh S/o Manohar Singh Aged About 57 Years Occupation Service, Posted As Panchayat Secretary Presently At Gram Panchayat Jamgala, Janpad Panchayat Lakhanpur, District Surguja (Ambikapur), Chhattisgarh

4 - Vinesh Ram S/o Bahal Ram Aged About 57 Years Occupation Service, Posted As Panchayat Secretary Presently At Gram Panchayat Lipingi, Janpad Panchayat Lakhanpur, District Surguja (Ambikapur), Chhattisgarh

5 - Shivbharos Singh S/o Maya Ram Aged About 54 Years Occupation Service, Posted As Panchayat Secretary Presently At Gram Panchayat Khutiya, Janpad Panchayat Lakhanpur, District Surguja (Ambikapur), Chhattisgarh

6 - Bhikham Ram Rajwade S/o Katthu Ram Aged About 55 Years Occupation Service, Posted As Panchayat Secretary Presently At Gram Panchayat Nimaha, Janpad Panchayat Lakhanpur, District Surguja (Ambikapur), Chhattisgarh

7 - Gajraj Ram Sonwani S/o Moharsai Sonwani Aged About 54 Years Occupation Service, Posted As Panchayat Secretary Presently At Gram Panchayat Bagdarri, Janpad Panchayat Lakhanpur, District Surguja (Ambikapur), Chhattisgarh

8 - Keshwar Singh Paikra S/o Rohidas Singh Aged About 52 Years Occupation Service, Posted As Panchayat Secretary Presently At Gram Panchayat Losanga, Janpad Panchayat Lakhanpur, District Surguja (Ambikapur), Chhattisgarh

9 - Chandrika Rajwade S/o Dilbahal Ram Aged About 56 Years Occupation Service, Posted As Panchayat Secretary Presently At Gram Panchayat Kunni, Janpad Panchayat Lakhanpur, District Surguja (Ambikapur), Chhattisgarh

... Petitioner(s)

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Principal Secretary, Panchayat And Rural Development Department, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, New Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh

2 - Zila Panchayat Ambikapur Through The Chief Executive Officer, Ambikapur, District Surguja, Chhattisgarh

3 - Janpad Panchayat Lakhanpur Through The Chief Executive Officer Lakhanpur, District Surguja (Ambikapur), Chhattisgarh

4 - Deputy Director, Local Fund Audit, Ambikapur, District Surguja, Chhattisgarh

... Respondents

(Cause title is taken from Case Information System)

For Petitioners	: Mr. Siddharth Pandey, Advocate
For Respondents/ State	: Mr. Ghanshyam Kashyap, Dy. G.A.

(HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE BIBHU DATTA GURU)

Order on Board

05/10/2026

1. The present writ petition has been filed by the petitioners seeking a direction towards the Respondent No.1 to consider and decide the petitioner's representation by passing a reasoned and speaking order.

2. The brief facts of the case are that the petitioners and other similarly situated persons had earlier approached this Court by filing W.P.(S) No. 9532 of 2019 and other connected matters, questioning the erroneous fixation of their pay and the consequential recovery. The said writ petition was disposed of by this Court vide order dated 24.02.2026, granting liberty to the petitioners to submit a representation before the competent authority, along with the relevant documents, raising their grievance. The competent authority was directed to consider and decide such representation by passing a reasoned and speaking order, after affording due opportunity of hearing to the petitioners therein. Pursuant to the aforesaid order, one of the petitioners namely; Vikram Singh submitted his representation. The matter

was thereafter considered by the concerned authorities, however, the Respondent No.4 therein vide communication dated 14.05.2026 intimated the petitioner that he is not the competent authority to consider the grievance of the petitioner and take a decision on the said pay anomaly and sent the same to the Secretary, Department of Panchayat and Rural Development, State of Chhattisgarh. Consequently, the representation of the petitioner was forwarded to the Secretary, Department of Panchayat and Rural Development, State of Chhattisgarh, being the competent authority, for consideration and appropriate decision in the matter. The grievance of the petitioner, however, still remains to be considered and decided by the competent authority.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners herein submits that the grievance of the petitioners still survives and, therefore, the petitioners may be permitted to submit a fresh representation before the Principal Secretary, Panchayat and Rural Development Department/ respondent No.1, raising their entire grievance and placing before him the earlier orders passed by this Court as well as the relevant documents. It is submitted that the order passed by this Court has also been communicated to respondent No.1 and, therefore, the said authority may be directed to consider the fresh representation and pass an appropriate order in accordance with law.

4. Learned State counsel appearing for the respondents submits that, in the event the petitioners submit a fresh representation

before respondent No.1, the same shall be considered and decided by the said authority in accordance with law within a period of 40 days.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the documents available on record.

6. Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case and in view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, the petitioners are permitted to submit a fresh representation before the respondent No.1, raising their grievance with regard to the fixation of pay, grade pay and consequential recovery, along with a copy of the earlier orders passed by this Court and all relevant supporting documents, within a period of two weeks from today. In case such representation is filed within the aforesaid period, respondent No.1 shall consider and decide the same and pass an appropriate reasoned and speaking order in accordance with law within a period of 40 days from the date of receipt of the representation, after affording due opportunity of hearing to the petitioners.

7. With the aforesaid observations and directions, the writ petition stands disposed of.

Sd/-
(BIBHU DATTA GURU)
JUDGE

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