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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPC No. 5173 of 2026

1 - Bhakta Prahalad Rajwade S/o Shriram Rajwade Aged About 40 Years R/o Currently Posted At Lecturer (Sanskrit) At Government High School Panchgaon, Block Baloda, Distt- Janjgir Champa (C.G.)

--- **Petitioner(s)**

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, School Education Department, Indrawati Bhawan, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar, Raipur (C.G.)

2 - Directorate Of Public Instructions (D P I) Through The Director, Indrawati Bhawan, New Raipur, Distt- Raipur (C.G.)

3 - District Education Officer Cum 1st Appellate Authority Public Information Authority Block Baloda, Distt- Janjgir Champa (C.G.)

4 - Block Education Officer Cum Public Information Officer Block Baloda, Distt- Janjgir Champa (C.G.)

5 - Chief Information Commissioner Chhattisgarh State Information Commission Sector- 19, North Block Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar, Distt- Raipur (C.G.)

6 - Principal, Government High School Panchgaon, Block Baloda, Distt- Janjgir Champa (C.G.)

7 - Mahendra Mahot R/o Ward No. 13, Bazaarpara Baloda Baloda Distt- Janjgir Champa (C.G.) Working As Journalist Hindi Weekly News Baloda Janjgir Champa Distt- Janjgir Champa (C.G.)

--- **Respondent(s)**

WPC No. 5335 of 2026

1 - Birendra Kumar Sahu S/o Ramlakhan Sahu Aged About 43 Years R/o Currently Posted At Lecturer (Sanskrit) At Government High School Satrenga, Block Korba, District Korba Chhattisgarh

---Petitioner(s)

Versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, School Education Department Indravati Bhawan, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar, Raipur Chhattisgarh

2 - Directorate Of Public Instructions (D P I) Through The Director, Indrawati Bhawan, New Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh

3 - District Education Officer Cum 1st Appellate Authority Public Information Authority Block Korba, District Korba Chhattisgarh

4 - Block Education Officer Cum Public Information Officer Block Korba, District Korba Chhattisgarh

5 - Chief Information Commissioner Chhattisgarh State Information Commission Sector-19, North Block, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, District Raipur Chhattisgarh

6 - Principal Government Govt. High School Satrenga, Block Korba, District Korba Chhattisgarh

7 - Gokul Kurre R/o Village Korbi, Block Podi-Uproda, District Korba Chhattisgarh (Working As Journalist)

--- Respondent(s)

WPC No. 5187 of 2026

1 - Ramesh Kumar Palia S/o Kartik Ram, Aged About 42 Years R/o Currently Posted At Lecturer (Sanskrit) At Government High School Karma, Block Baloda, District Janjgir-Champa (C.G.).

---Petitioner(s)

Versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, School Education Department Indravati Bhawan, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar, Raipur (C.G.)

2 - Directorate Of Public Instructions (Dpi) Through The Director, Indrawati Bhawan, New Raipur, District Raipur (C.G.)

3 - District Education Officer Cum 1st Appellate Authority Public Information Authority Block Baloda, District Janjgir-Champa (C.G.).

4 - Block Education Officer Cum Public Information Officer Block Baloda, District Janjgir-Champa (C.G.).

5 - Chief Information Commissioner Chhattisgarh State Information Commission Sector-19, North Block, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, District-Raipur (Chhattisgarh)

6 - Principal, Government High School Karma, Block Baloda, District Janjgir-Champa (C.G.)

7 - Mahendra Mahto, R/o Ward No. 13 Bazaarpara Baloda, Baloda, District Janjgir Champa (C.G.) Working As Journalist, Hindi Weekly News, Baloda, Janjgir Champa, District Janjgir Champa (C.G.)

--- **Respondent(s)**

WPC No. 5182 of 2026

1 - Jayram Singh Rajwade S/o Late Bhagirathi Rajwade Aged About 47 Years R/o Currently Posted At Lecturer (Biology) At Government High School Karma, Block Baloda, District Janjgir-Champa Chhattisgarh

---**Petitioner(s)**

Versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, School Education Department Indravati Bhawan, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar, Raipur Chhattisgarh

2 - Directorate Of Public Instructions (D P I) Through The Director, Indrawati Bhawan, New Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh

3 - District Education Officer Cum 1st Appellate Authority Public Information Authority Block Baloda, District Janjgir-Champa Chhattisgarh

4 - Block Education Officer Cum Public Information Officer Block Baloda, District Janjgir-Champa Chhattisgarh

5 - Chief Information Commissioner Chhattisgarh State Information Commission Sector 19, North Block, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, District Raipur Chhattisgarh

6 - Principal Government High School Karma, Block Baloda, District Janjgir-Champa Chhattisgarh

7 - Mahendra Mahot R/o Ward No. 13 Bazaarpara Baloda, Baloda, District Janjgir-Champa Chhattisgarh Working As Journalist, Hindi Weekly News, Baloda, Janjgir-Champa, District Janjgir-Champa Chhattisgarh

8 - Sumit Pandey (Editor Janta Time News), R/o H I G 14, Housing Board Colony, Janjgir Champa, District Janjgir-Champa Chhattisgarh

9 - Nigita Suryavanshi (News Reporter) R/o Shanti Nagar, Janjgir Champa, District Janjgir-Champa Chhattisgarh

... Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s)	:	Mr. Sajal Kumar Gupta, Advocate.
For Respondent(s)/State	:	Mr. Anil Pandey, G.A.
For Respondent No. 5 in WPC No. 5335/2026	:	Ms. Aparajita Pandey, Advocate on behalf of Mr. Harshwardhan Agrawal, Advocate

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amitendra Kishore Prasad

Order on Board

26/10/2026

1. Since the issues involved in all these petitions are similar, they are being decided by this common order.

2. W.P.(C) No. 5037/2026 is taken up as the lead case. The reliefs sought in the present petitions are similar and identical to those

claimed in the lead case. The said reliefs are quoted hereinbelow:-

> *“ I. Issue a writ, order, direction in the nature Mandamus/Prohibition directing the Respondent authorities, specifically the District Education Officer and the Principal, Govt. High School Panchgaon, not to disclose or supply the Petitioner's service book, educational marksheets, caste certificate, appointment order, and related personal documents to the Private Respondent or any other applicant under the Right to Information Act, 2005.*
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> *II. Issue an omnibus ex-parte ad-interim injunction in the nature of a 'John Doe' (Ashok Kumar) order, restraining any known or unknown persons, including news editors and journalists, from seeking, procuring, or publishing the personal service records and educational documents of the Petitioner.*
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> *III. Pass any other writ, order, or direction which this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case, in the interest of justice.”*

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that personal information and documents pertaining to the petitioners are being disclosed by the concerned District Education Officer and the First Appellate Authority to the information seeker under the Right to Information Act, 2005. It is contended that such information relates to the personal records of the petitioners and is exempt from disclosure under Section 8(1)(j) of the Act of 2005. Accordingly, the petitioners have approached this Court seeking

appropriate relief and a direction to the respondent authorities not to disclose or furnish their personal information and documents to the information seeker in violation of the aforesaid statutory provision.

4. At this stage, learned State counsel submits that the concerned Principal of Government Higher Secondary School, Kormi, has already issued a letter dated 29.09.2026, stating that the personal information pertaining to the third party cannot be furnished to the complainant or information seeker. It is, therefore, submitted that, as the concerned authority has already declined to disclose the personal information of the petitioners, no further relief is required to be granted in the present petitions at this stage.

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

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, the petitions are disposed of with a direction to the concerned authorities not to disclose the personal information pertaining to the petitioners, as claimed to be exempt from disclosure under Section 8(1)(j) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, in accordance with law.

7. However, in the event any cause of action arises in future, the petitioners shall be at liberty to avail themselves of the appropriate remedy available to them in accordance with law.

8. At this stage, no notice is required to be issued to the information seekers.

9. With the aforesaid directions, the petitions stand **disposed of.**

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(Amitendra Kishore Prasad)
Judge

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