



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPS No. 394 of 2026

ABHISHEK BAGHEL *versus* STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Order Sheet

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20/01/2026	Mr. Sunil Pillai, Counsel for the petitioner. Mrs. Anuja Sharma, Dy. Govt. Advocate for State. Heard. Issue notice to respondents. Mrs. Sharma accepts notice on behalf of all respondents. Hence process fee is not required to be paid. Also heard on IA No. 01/2026, which is an application for interim relief/stay. Learned counsel for petitioner submits that petitioner is facing departmental inquiry. During the process of enquiry petitioner has submitted an application in terms of Rule 14(8) of the Chhattisgarh Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules 1966, for engaging Defence Assistant, however, said application was rejected. Rejection of the application for engagement of Shri Virendra Sinha as Defense Assistant, will adversely affect the rights of petitioner to defend the case. In the order impugned Annexure P-2 there is mention that authorities have further

directed for recording statement of witnesses and, therefore, till reply is filed, some interim protection may be granted to petitioner.

Learned counsel for State submits that she will file reply to interim application also.

On due consideration of submission made by learned counsel for the respective parties, purely as an interim measure it is directed that further proceedings of pending departmental enquiry initiated against the petitioner shall remain stayed till the next date of hearing.

List this case week commencing 23rd February, 2026.

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(Parth Prateem Sahu)

Judge

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