



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPS No. 565 of 2026

VINOD KUMAR PATANWAR **versus** STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Order on Board

20/01/2026	Mr. Ashwini Shukla, Advocate for petitioner. Ms. Diksha Gouraha, Advocate for Resp.-State. Heard. Issue notice to respondents. Learned State counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondents. Hence, PF is not required to be paid. Learned counsel for petitioner submits that respondents authorities have issued letter for recovery of excess payment made to petitioner on 17.11.2022 and subsequently amount of Rs. 1,44,660.90/- has already been recovered. He submits that petitioner is a Class-III employee and even if some excess payment is made to petitioner due to some error on the part of officials of the department, recovery cannot be made from petitioner that too after his retirement. In support of his contention,
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he places reliance upon decision of Supreme Court in ***State of Punjab and Ors. vs. Rafiq Masih (White Washer) etc.*** reported in **(2015) 4 SCC 334**.

Learned State counsel prays for and is granted three weeks' time to file reply.

List this case in week commencing 23.02.2026.

Sd/-
(Parth Prateem Sahu)
Judge