



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPS No. 883 of 2026

ANURAG KUMAR DEVANGAN **versus** STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Order on Board

28/01/2026	Mr. Ajay Kumarani, Advocate for the petitioners. Mr. Suyash Dhar Badgaiyan, Govt. Advocate for respondents No.1 to 3. Heard. Issue notice. Learned State Counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3, hence, process fee is not required to be paid for issuance of notice to these respondents. He prays for and is granted three weeks time to file reply. On petitioner's depositing process fee as per rules, notice to issued to respondents No.4 to 7, making it returnable in three weeks. Also heard on I.A. No.1/2026, application for grant of interim relief.
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Learned counsel for petitioner submits that respondents No.4 to 7, who are juniors to petitioners in cadre, have been sent for pre-promotional training, depriving right of petitioners for consideration of their promotion.

Learned State Counsel submits that according to the Rules, minimum service/experience in feeder cadre for a direct appointee on the post of Sub-Inspector (Telecommunication), for consideration of his promotion, is 08 years and for a promoted Sub-Inspector (Radio), it is five years. Respondents No.4 to 7 are holding post of Sub-Inspector (Telecommunication) after promotion and they have completed requisite period of qualifying service in feeder cadre, whereas, as per instructions received by him, petitioners, who are direct appointees, have not completed 08 years of qualifying service in feeder cadre and therefore, they are not eligible for promotion.

Learned counsel for petitioners submits that as per policy of the State Government, the employees who are serving in scheduled area continuously for four years, are to be granted relaxation of one year in qualifying service for consideration of their names for promotion. Petitioner

having served in scheduled area for continuously four years, are entitled for relaxation and as such, they are entitled for consideration for their promotion.

Learned State Counsel submits that he will also file reply to application for grant of interim relief.

On due consideration of submissions of learned counsel for respective parties, purely as an interim measure, the respondent authorities are directed not to issue any order of promotion to the post of Inspector (Telecommunication) till next date of hearing.

List this petition in the week commencing 23.2.2026.

Sd/-

(Parth Prateem Sahu)
Judge

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