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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPS No. 1378 of 2026

BUDHWAR SINGH PATEL *versus* STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Order on Board

23/02/2026	Mr. Awadh Tripathi, Advocate for the petitioner. Ms. Anuja Sharma, Dy. Government Advocate for respondent No.1 and 2. Heard. Issue notice. Learned State Counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 and 2, hence process fee is not required to be paid for issuance of notice to these respondents. She prays for and is granted three weeks time to file reply. On petitioner's depositing process fee within a week, notice be issued to respondent No.3 to 5 as per rules, making it returnable in three weeks. Also heard on I.A. No.1/2026, an application for grant of interim relief/stay. Learned counsel for petitioner submits that petitioner was working as Rozgar Sahayak in the office of Gram Panchayat Jampani, Janpad Panchayat Kartala, District Korba. Based on some internal preliminary inquiry

conducted, an order of recovery of Rs.36,310/- and imposing fine of Rs.1,000/- was passed against the petitioner on 6.6.2025. Subsequently, respondent No.4, who has passed the recovery order against petitioner, had passed the order impugned terminating service of petitioner observing that petitioner was negligent and involved in financial irregularities. He submits that termination order of petitioner is passed without holding full-fledged inquiry against the petitioner enabling him to examine and cross-examine witnesses, therefore, the order, Annexure P-1, is in violation of principles of natural justice.

Learned State Counsel submits that the order under challenge is passed by the respondent No.4 for whom she is not appearing.

On due consideration of submission of learned counsel for petitioner, the documents enclosed along with writ petition, purely as an interim measure it is directed that effect and operation of order dated 21.1.2026 (Annexure P-1) shall remain stayed till next date of hearing.

List this matter after three weeks.

Sd/-
(Parth Prateem Sahu)
Judge

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