



## HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

**WPC No. 772 of 2026**

UMENDRA DAS TANDON **versus** RAJENDRA KUMAR TANDON

Order on Board

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| <b>20/02/2026</b> | <p>Mr. Malay Shrivastava, counsel for the petitioner.<br/>Heard.</p> <p>Issue notice to respondents on payment of process fee as per rules.</p> <p>Also heard on I.A. No. 1/2026, which is an application for grant of stay.</p> <p>Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that Respondent No. 1 had filed an application for recounting of votes of polling booth Nos. 177 and 178 only by filing election petition whereas the said election petition was not maintainable in view of the provisions contained in Rule 6 of the Chhattisgarh Panchayats (Election Petitions, Corrupt Practices and Disqualification for Membership) Rules, 1995 (hereinafter referred to as "the Rules, 1995"). Objection to the maintainability of election petition filed by the petitioner has been rejected by the prescribed authority / Sub Divisional Officer, Kawardha, District Kabeerdham vide impugned order dated 25.11.2025, which is completely non-speaking order,</p> |

hence, he prays that interim protection may be granted to the petitioner.

In view of above, purely as an interim measure, it is directed that further proceeding of Election Petition bearing E.Co. No. 202503080800017 be stayed till the next date of hearing.

Counsel for the petitioner is directed to file appropriate application for impleading Collector, Kabeerdham as party respondent in the instant petition.

List this case after two weeks.

Certified copy, as per rules.

Sd/-

(Naresh Kumar Chandravanshi)

Judge

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