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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPS No. 2153 of 2026

1 - Saket Kumar Ravi S/o Shiv Prasad Ravi Aged About 37 Years Presently Working As Assistant Grade Ii At The Office Of The Collectorate (Food Branch), Balrampur Ramanujganj, Distt. Balrampur Ramanujganj, Chhattisgarh.

2 - Tekeshwari Sahu D/o Ghanshyam Sahu Aged About 33 Years Presently Working As Assistant Grade Ii At The Office Of The Collectorte (Food Branch), Bemetara, Distt. Bemetara, Chhattisgarh.

3 - Anil Kumar Dhirhe S/o Shobha Ram Dhirhe Aged About 32 Years Presently Working As Assistant Grade Ii At The Office Of The Collectorate (Food Branch), Bemetara, Distt. Bemetara, Chhattisgarh.

4 - Sandeep Kumar Ekka S/o Ishwar Sahay Ekka Aged About 39 Years Presently Working As Assistant Grade Iii At The Office Of The Collectorte (Food Branch), Korla, Distt. Korla, Chhattisgarh.

5 - Rupendra Kumar S/o Amrit Lal Aged About 33 Years Presently Working As Assistant Grade Ii At The Office Of The Collectorte (Food Branch), Bilaspur, Distt. Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

6 - Tushar Aiyer S/o P.V.R. Aiyer Aged About 25 Years Presently Working As Assistant Grade Ii At The Office Of The Collectorte (Food Branch), Kabirdham, Distt. Kabirdham, Chhattisgarh.

... Petitioners(s)

Versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Department Of Food, Civil Supplies And Consumer Protection, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur, Distt. Raipur, Chhattisgarh.



2 - Commissioner Food, Civil Supplies And Consumer Protection Department, Indravati Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur, Distt. Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

3 - Additional Secretary Department Of Food, Civil Supplies And Consumer Protection, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur, Distt. Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

4 - Deputy Secretary Department Of Food, Civil Supplies And Consumer Protection, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur, Distt. Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

5 - Director Food, Civil Supplies And Consumer Protection, Mantralaya, Indravati Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur, Distt. Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

6 - Joint Director Department Of Food, Civil Supplies And Consumer Protection, Indravati Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur, Distt. Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

7 - Pradeep Tiwari S/o Shri B.P. Tiwari Aged About 40 Years Presently Posted As Assistant Grade Ii As Protocol Assistant/reader To The City Magistrate (For Ajak Police Station, Women Police Station, And Sarkanda Police Station)

... Respondent(s)

For Petitioners(s) : Mr. Shrikant Kaushik, Advocate

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Gary Mukhopadhyay, Additional A.G.

(HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE PARTH PRATEEM SAHU)

Order on Board

27/02/2026

1. Petitioners have filed this writ petition seeking following reliefs:

“10.1 That this Hon'ble Court may kindly be pleased to issue an appropriate writ, order or direction directing the respondent number 2 to decide the petitioner's pending representation dated 31/12/2025 (Annexure P/6) within a stipulated time frame, by passing a reasoned and speaking order in accordance with law.

10.2 That this Hon'ble Court may kindly be pleased to issue an appropriate writ, order or direction directing the Respondents to forthwith conduct the Limited Departmental Competitive



Examination for the post of Food Inspector strictly in accordance with the Chhattisgarh Khadya, Nagrik Aapurti Evam Upbhokta Sanrakshan (Arajpatrit Karyapalak) Seva Bharti Niyam, 2013, within a time-bound period as may be fixed by this Hon'ble Court;

10.3. That this Hon'ble Court may kindly be pleased to direct the Respondents to permit only eligible regular clerical cadre employees of the Food Department, in terms of the Recruitment Rules, 2013, to participate in the said examination and to exclude ineligible deputationist consideration; or non-cadre candidates from consideration;

10.4 That this Hon'ble Court may kindly be pleased to declare that the indefinite postponement and non-conduct of the Limited Departmental Competitive Examination, despite statutory mandate and absence of any judicial restraint, is arbitrary, illegal and violative of Articles 14 and 16 of the Constitution of India;

10.5 That this Hon'ble Court may kindly be pleased to direct the Respondent number 5 to consider and decide the detailed representation dated 12.02.2026 (Annexure P/8), by passing a reasoned and speaking order within a stipulated time frame;

10.6 That, this Hon'ble Court may kindly be pleased to grant any other relief/reliefs in favour of the petitioner, which the Hon'ble Court deemed fit & just in the facts and circumstances of the case, including awarding of the costs to the petitioner.”

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are working on Clerical Grade of the respondent No. 5. Respondents have published notice for holding Limited Departmental Examinations. Petitioners were intending to participate in the said examination, however, suddenly the respondent department had postponed the said examination. On oral request made by the petitioners and others, they were assured that the exam would be conducted, however, till date, no exam has been conducted, therefore, the petitioners have lastly submitted representations



before the respondent No. 5 on 12.02.2026 and therefore, respondent No. 5 be directed to take decision on the representation, submitted by the petitioners within specified time frame.

3. Counsel for the respondent-State submits that he is having no objection to the limited prayer, he, however, submits that one of the petitioner had filed writ petition bearing WPS No. 1943 of 2025, which is pending consideration. Upon asking he fairly submitted that according to his information there is no interim order in that writ petition.
4. On due consideration of the submission of counsel for the parties, nature of grievance raised and the limited prayer made by the petitioners seeking a direction to respondent No. 5 to take decision on the representation submitted by them, the writ petition, at this stage, is disposed of directing respondent No. 5 to take decision on the representation submitted by the petitioner, in accordance with law, expeditiously, preferably within a further period of two months from the date of receipt of the order.
5. With the aforesaid observation and direction, this writ petition stands disposed of.

Sd/-

(Parth Prateem Sahu)
JUDGE