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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPS No. 2486 of 2026

1. Milan Prasad Verma S/o Late Shri Gend Ram Verma Aged About 73 Years R/o Mukam And P.O. Bitkuli, Tahsil Bilha, Distt. Bilaspur Chhattisgarh Pin 495224
2. Rajaram Shukla S/o Late Shri Bhagwat Prasad Shukla Aged About 73 Years R/o C/o Tulsi Dhruv, Shitla Colony, Near Malsey Talab, Kushalpur, Vtc Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh Pin 492001
3. Shatrughan Prasad Shukla S/o Late Shri Shobh Nath Shukla Aged About 76 Years R/o Gandhi Chauk, Pharasgaon, Distt - Kondagaon Chhattisgarh Pin 494228
4. Jauhari Lal Shukla S/o Late Shri Chandrika Prasad Shukla Aged About 75 Years R/o Ward No. 07, Rama Niket, Infront High Tech Bus Stand, Madapam Marriage Hall Road, Tifra, P.O. Bilaspur, District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh Pin 495001
5. Indrajeet Singh S/o Late Shri Kalpnath Singh Thakur Aged About 74 Years R/o Village Pandariya, Tahsil - Pandariya, District Kabirdham Chhattisgarh Pin 491559

... Petitioners

versus

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Additional Chief Secretary, Ministry Of Forest And Climate Change, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, New Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh Pin 492002



2. The Principal Chief Conservator Of Forest And Head Of Forest Force Chhattisgarh, Department Of Forest And Climate Change, Aranya Bhawan, North Block, Sector 19, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar, District Raipur Chhattisgarh Pin 492101
3. The Principal Chief Conservator Of Forest (Wild Life And Biodiversity Conservation Cum Chief Wild Life Warden), Chhattisgarh, Aranya Bhawan, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar, Chhattisgarh, District Raipur Pin 492101
4. The Chief Conservator Of Forest, Jagdalpur Forest Conservancy, Jagdalpur, District Bastar Chhattisgarh Pin 494001
5. The Chief Conservator Of Forest Bilaspur Forest Conservancy, Sindhi Colony, Bilaspur, District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh Pin 495001
6. The Chief Conservator Of Forest (Eco Tourism And Field Director Achanakmar Tiger Reserve) Sarkanda, Bilaspur, District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh Pin 495006
7. The Divisional Forest Officer Sukma Forest Division, Distt Sukma, Pin 494111
8. The Divisional Forest Officer Korba Forest Division, Rampur, Korba, District Korba, Chhattisgarh Pin 495674
9. The Divisional Forest Officer Raigarh Forest Division, Raigarh, District Raigarh Chhattisgarh Pin 496001
10. The Deputy Director Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, Lormi, District Mungeli Chhattisgarh Pin 495115

... Respondents

For Petitioners	:	Mr. Alok Chandra Rishi, Advocate
For Respondents	:	Ms. Anuja Sharma, Dy. Govt. Advocate

S.B.: Hon'ble Shri Parth Prateem Sahu, Judge

Order on Board

16/3/2026



1. Petitioners have filed this writ petition stating that they were not given benefit of First Time Scale Pay while they were in service, petitioner No.2 submitted representations on 14/7/2023 and 26/08/2023 (Annexure-P/1), however, the same were not considered. He also contended that similarly situated employees have filed writ petitions bearing WPS No. 9642, 6169, 5229, 5234, 2772, 2656, 2788, 2774, 4130, 164, 231 of 2024 and in those cases, State has come with reply that the claim of those petitioners will be reviewed by the Department and the review proceedings is pending consideration. It is contention of counsel for the petitioners that the respondent-State be directed to review the claim of petitioners along with other petitioners named in the aforementioned petition.
2. Learned counsel for the respondents-State submits that in view of the reply filed by the State and stand taken in the writ petitions as mentioned above, she is having no objection to the limited prayer.
3. Perusal of the reply submitted by the State in WPS No. 6169 of 2024, would show that the State Government has taken the stand that the claim of petitioners therein have to be examined for their eligibility for extending the benefit of Time Pay Scale.

Relevant Para are extracted below for ready reference;-

“2. That, alongwith identical and connected matters, the present case was listed before the Hon'ble Court for hearing on 07/01/2026 and observing that initially the petitioners were appointed as Forester in the year



1971-79 and they were notionally promoted as Deputy Ranger in pursuance of the order dated 07/03/2018 passed in WPS NO. 4765/2005 and thereafter they have been promoted as Ranger with effect from 1996 and no promotion thereafter was granted to them and therefore, they raised their grievance with regard to time bound pay scale as per the policy framed by the State vide Annexure P/4 dated 28/04/2008 which provides that the benefit of the scheme will be applicable to the government servants who have already been promoted once, twice or more than twice, still they are entitled to get the benefit of Time Scale Pay Scheme 2006 dated 28/04/2008 and Clause V of the said policy provides that the benefit of the scheme will be applicable from 01/04/2006, the Hon'ble Court vide order dated 07/01/2026 was pleased to direct the State to re-examine the matter keeping in view of the policy dated 28/04/2008 and examine the case of the petitioners with regard to their eligibility criteria, ACR and other required conditions which are necessary for grant of time pay scale and file an affidavit in the matter.

3. It is respectfully submitted that there are total 356 Rangers who were granted promotion with effect from 26/06/1996 and as of now, all 356 Rangers already stood retired from service on attaining the age superannuation. It is submitted that while they were in service, they were posted in various places / offices of the Department of Forests across the State of Chhattisgarh. It is respectfully submitted that in order to assess their eligibility required for the benefit of time pay scale, the service records of all 356 Rangers have to be examined /scrutinized in light of the order dated 22/08/2008 by which the Department of Forest has floated the scheme of 4 level time pay scale for the employees holding the post of Ranger with effect from the date of issuance of the said order and the circular dated 28/04/2008 issued by the Department of Finance as well as in light of the order dated 22/02/2018 passed by Hon'ble M.P. High Court in WP No. 4717/2001.



4. It is respectfully submitted that the cases of all 356 Rangers are, as of now, under scrutiny which may take some time of about two and three months so that appropriate decision with respect to the entitlement of all the petitioners for the benefit of time pay scale can be taken in accordance with the applicable scheme/circular issued by the competent authority.”

4. On due consideration of submissions made by learned counsel for parties, the writ petition is disposed of at this stage, permitting the petitioners to submit a fresh comprehensive representation, raising all the grounds with all supporting documents before Respondent Nos.2 to 4. If such a representation is submitted, the concerned authorities shall consider and taken decision on the claim of the petitioners also, along with claim of other petitioners in aforementioned writ petitions.
5. Certified copy as per rules.

Sd/-
(Parth Prateem Sahu)
Judge

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