

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

Order Sheet

WPC No. 1708 of 2022

1. South Eastern Coalfield Limited Through General Manager (Civil), Head Quarter Seepat Road Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh)
2. Town Administrator, South Eastern Coalfield Limited, Head Quarter Seepat Road Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh)

---- **Petitioners****VERSUS**

1. State of Chhattisgarh through Secretary Water Resource Department, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh
2. Sub-Divisional Officer, Water Resource Sub-Division, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh
3. Bilaspur Municipal Corporation, through its Commissioner, Bilaspur Chhattisgarh

---- **Respondents**

18.04.2022	Mr. R.K. Gupta, Advocate for Petitioners. Mr. Rahul Jha, Government Advocate for Respondents 1 & 2/State. Heard. Issue notice to Respondents. Mr. Rahul Jha, learned State counsel accepts notice on behalf of Respondents 1 & 2, hence, PF is not required to be paid for Respondents 1 and 2. On payment of process fee, issue notice to Respondent 3. PF be paid within three days, as per rules. Also heard on I.A. No. 01/2022, which is an application for grant of interim relief/ stay. Learned counsel for petitioners submits that respondents-

Department have issued notice for recovery of amount of Rs. 488.12 Lakhs towards Water Tax. Earlier, similar notices were also issued in the year 2020. Petitioner wrote a letter to the Water Resource Department asking for authority of law and the provision under which the notices of recovery of amount towards water tax have been issued but till date Department has not furnished any information and again Annexure P-1 notice on 04.02.2022 has been issued.

Considering the facts and circumstances of the case as well as submission of learned counsel for petitioners, it is directed that no coercive steps shall be taken against petitioners pursuant to Annexure P-1 notice dated 04.02.2022, till the next date of hearing.

List the matter immediately after receipt of service report.

Sd/-
(Parth Prateem Sahu)
Judge