

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****WPS No. 3301 of 2026**Bhagwati Jain **Versus** State Of Chhattisgarh**Order Sheet**

16/04/2026	<p>Mr. Mateen Siddiqui, Counsel for petitioner. Heard. Issue notice to the respondents. Mr. Aditya Tiwari, P.L. accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. Hence, PF is not required to be paid. He prays for and is granted four weeks time to file reply. Also heard on I.A. No. 01/2025 which is an application for grant of interim relief. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that initially the child care centres are being run through the NGO's. Petitioners were engaged as Child Welfare Officers by the said NGO's. However, as the child care centres are created under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, therefore, it is to be treated as the agency of the State Government and therefore, one of the claim of the petitioner is to be absorbed and till reply is filed, some interim protection may be granted.</p>

On the other hand, learned counsel for the Respondents/State opposes the submission made by the counsel for petitioner.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the documents enclosed along with the writ petition.

On due consideration of the submission of learned counsel for the parties, facts and circumstances of the case and documents enclosed along with the writ petition and also considering the advertisement issued by the State Government in particular Clause 13 fo the advertisement, and further that the petitioners are not the employees of the State Government, but they have been engaged by the NGO's, purely as an interim measure, it is directed that any appointment made pursuant to the advertisement dated 22.12.2025 subject matter of writ petition, in category of petitioner, hereinafter shall be subject to outcome of the writ petition.

As submitted by counsel for the petitioner, list this case along with WPS No. 2012 of 2026.

Sd/-

(Parth Prateem Sahu)

JUDGE