



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPS No. 3485 of 2026

Uday Narayan Singh **Versus** South Eastern Coalfields Limited

Order Sheet

22.04.2026	Ms. Mahi Pandey, Counsel for petitioner. Ms. Preeti Yadav, Advocate on behalf of Mr. Pankaj Agrawal, Counsel for the respondents on advance copy. Heard on admission. Issue notice to the respondents. Ms. Preeti Yadav, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. Hence, PF is not required to be paid. She prays for and is granted three weeks time to file reply. Also heard I.A. No. 1 of 2026, an application for grant of interim relief. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is working as Support Mistry Category-III which is Class-III post. Respondent authorities have issued letter

dated 31.01.2026 mentioning that recovery is to be made on the ground of excess payment made to petitioner. She submits that in the facts of case, in view of judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of State of Punjab v. Rafiq Masih (White Washer) etc. reported in (2015) 4 SCC 334, recovery is not permissible under the law.

On due consideration of submission of counsel for the petitioner, purely as an interim measure, it is directed that no recovery shall be made from the petitioner pursuant to impugned order dated 31.01.2026, till the next date of hearing.

List this case after four weeks.

Sd/-

(Parth Prateem Sahu)
JUDGE