

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****WPS No. 3827 of 2026**Saiyed Junaid **Versus** South Eastern**Order Sheet**

04.05.2026	<p>Mr. Kapil Maini, Counsel for the petitioner.</p> <p>None for the respondents though advance copy is served on 20.04.2026.</p> <p>Issue notice to the respondents, on payment of PF as per rules, returnable within three weeks.</p> <p>Also heard on application for grant of interim relief.</p> <p>Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is a Class IV employee and from him recovery of Rs. 91,721.15/- has been sought vide recovery order dated 15.05.2025. He submits that in the facts of case, in view of judgment of Hon'ble</p>

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 15.05.2025, till the next date of hearing.

List this case after three weeks.

Sd/-

(Parth Prateem Sahu)

JUDGE