



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

Order Sheet

Writ Petition (S) No. 3832 of 2025

Satrughan Prasad Kanwar S/o Shri Shiv Singh Aged About 32 Years R/o Mauhadih, Post - Jharna, District Janjgir-Champa (C.G.).

... Petitioner

versus

- 1** - State of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary, Forest Department, Atal Nagar, New Raipur (C.G.)
- 2** - Principal Chief Conservator of Forest Aranya Bhawan, Sector-19, North Block, Atal Nagar, New Raipur (C.G.)
- 3** - Divisional Forest Officer Forest Division Janjgir-Champa, Tahsil Road Janjgir-Champa (C.G.)
- 4** - Kripal Singh S/o Keshav Singh R/o Village - Darrabhata, Post - Umeli, Tahsil - Barpali, District - Korba (C.G.).

... Respondents

20/05/2025	Mr. Ajay Shrivastava, counsel for the petitioner. Mr. Rahul Tamaskar, Government Advocate for the State/respondents No.1 to 3.



	Heard. Issue notice to the respondents. As learned State counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3, hence, issuance of notice to respondents No.1 to 3 stands dispensed with. Issue notice to respondents No.4. Process fee be paid within 03 working days from today, failing which, the petition shall automatically dismissed without further reference to the Bench. Heard on I.A. No.01/2025, application for grant of interim relief. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that on 18.05.2023 vide Annexure P-2, an advertisement was published by respondents No.1 to 3 for the post of Driver by direct recruitment. The qualification for appointment on the post of Driver for light motor vehicle was; middle school from a recognized board, having driving license of light motor vehicle and experience of two years' for driving of jeep/car. Thereafter, the impugned selection list dated 13.05.2025 was prepared by the respondents in which respondent No.4 was placed at serial No.1 and the present petitioner is placed at serial No.2. He further submits that while determining the merit list, the column of marks obtained for experience is also added for which the respondent No.4 was granted 10 marks, whereas the petitioner was granted 03 marks. He further submits that in the impugned advertisement, there was no provision for grant of marks for the experi-
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ence. Therefore, it is prayed that this petition may be admitted.

Learned counsel for the State opposed the submission made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

Considering the facts of the case, submission made by learned counsel for the parties and the material available on record, it appears that prima facie case is made out in favour of the petitioner, hence, till the next date of hearing, respondent authorities shall not tact upon the impugned selection list (Annexure P-1) in respect to appointment on the post of Driver (ST).

List this case in the week commencing 16.06.2025.

As a sequel, interlocutory application(s), if any pending, shall stand(s) disposed of.

Sd/-

(Sachin Singh Rajput)
Judge