



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPS No. 4458 of 2026

Ramshankar Kurrey S/o Chatram Kurrey Aged About 61 Years Presently Posted Forest Ranger Timber Officer, R/o Village And Post Kirit, Tehsil Nawagarh, District Janjgir-Champa (C.G.)

... Petitioner

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Department Of Forest, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur, Distt. Raipur (C.G.)

2 - Principal Chief Conservator Of Forest Chhattisgarh Forest Department Aranya Bhawan North Block, Atal Nagar Naya Raipur, District Raipur (C.G.)

3 - Chief Forest Conservator Bilaspur Circle Bilaspur District Bilaspur (C.G.)

4 - Divisional Forest Officer Forest Division Bilaspur, District Bilaspur (C.G.)

5 - Nitin Lahre Forest Ranger, Forest Range Officer Kota, District Bilaspur (C.G.)

... Respondents

Order Sheet

02/06/2026	Shri Hemant Kesharwani, counsel for the petitioner. Shri Avinash Singh, Govt. Advocate for respondents No.1 to 4/State. Heard. Issue notice to the respondents. PF be paid within a week as per rules. Learned State counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 4, therefore, issuance of notice to respondents No. 1 to 4 is dispensed with. Let notice be issued to respondent No.5. PF be paid as per rules. Also heard on IA No.01/2026, application for grant of interim relief/stay. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is aged about 61 years and physically/healthwise fit to perform his duty, despite that vide impugned order dated 4.5.2026 (Annexure P/1), his charge i.e. In-charge Forest Depot, Kota has been handed over to respondent No.5 on baseless ground. Hence interim protection may be granted to the petitioner.

Learned counsel appearing for the State would submit that despite service of two notices on 12.2.2026 and 14.2.2026, the petitioner did not respond to the same.

When a specific question is posed as to what health ground was raised in those notices, learned State counsel submits that those notices were not given on health ground, rather on different ground. However, he seeks time to file reply to the petition.

Time, as prayed for, is granted. However, purely as an interim measure, it is directed that effect and operation of the impugned order 4.5.2026 (Annexure P/1) shall remain stayed till the next date of hearing.

Accordingly, IA No.2/2026, application for urgent hearing and IA No.3/2026, application for hearing during summer vacation, stand disposed of.

Sd/
(Naresh Kumar Chandravanshi)
Judge