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NAFR**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****WPS No. 4543 of 2026**

1 - Jitendra Panna S/o Shri Nansai Panna Aged About 37 Years
Posted As Patwari (Now Suspended) R/o Village And Post
Gharghoda, District Raigarh Chhattisgarh

... Petitioner**versus**

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Revenue And
Disaster Management Department, Mahanadi Bhawan, Mantralaya,
Nawa Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh

2 - The Collector District Raigarh Chhattisgarh

3 - The Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue) Gharghoda, District
Raigarh Chhattisgarh

4 - The Tahsildar, Tamnar District Raigarh Chhattisgarh

... Respondents

For Petitioner : Mr. Siddharth Pandey, Advocate.

For Respondents/State : Mr. Vivek Verma, G.A.

Hon'ble Shri Bibhu Datta Guru, Judge**Order on Board****18/06/2026**

1. By the present petition, the petitioner is seeking a direction towards the respondents authorities to expedite and conclude the departmental enquiry proceedings pending against the petitioner within a stipulated period.



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2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the departmental enquiry initiated by the respondents by issuing a charge sheet dated 03/12/2024, is still pending against the petitioner. According to him, the respondent No.4, who is the Inquiry Officer, is not proceeding with the enquiry and hence, he prays for a limited relief that the respondents authorities may be directed to conclude the departmental enquiry within a stipulated period.
3. Learned State counsel, by referring a communication of the State Government dated 20/06/2025, submits that the petitioner's involvement in a land acquisition proceeding is being inquired by E.O.W, which is a subject matter of the departmental enquiry, hence, the enquiry is not being proceeded with and the same will take some more time.
4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties, perused the pleadings and charge sheet dated 03/12/2024.
5. Having considered the submission advanced by learned counsel for the parties and as the petitioner is seeking a limited prayer for conclusion of the departmental enquiry as the charge sheet has already been filed, this Court deems it appropriate to direct respondent No. 4, who is the Inquiry Officer, to conclude the departmental enquiry and pass the reasoned order, in accordance with law and on its own merits, as early as possible preferably within a period of six months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



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6. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the matter and the authorities concerned/Inquiry Officer is directed to proceed with the matter on its own merits and in accordance with law.
7. Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of.

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(Bibhu Datta Guru)
Judge

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