



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPS No. 4549 of 2026

NAMESHWAR KUMAR KAWDE

versus

THE STATE OF CHHATTISGARH & ORS.

Order Sheet

18/06/2026	Mr. Sandeep Dubey, Advocate for the Petitioner. Ms. Anuja Sharma, Dy. GA for the State. Heard. By way of the instant petition, the petitioner is challenging the transfer order dated 14/06/2026 (Annexure P/1) issued by the State Government whereby the services of the petitioner has been transferred from the post of in-charge Chief Municipal Officer Nagar Panchayat Keshkal to the office of Nagar Palika Badebacheli, District Dantewada on the post of Assistant Grade-II. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that by order dated 07/01/2026 (Annexure P/8) the petitioner has
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been assigned the work of Census by the Collector/Chief Census Officer, District Kondagaon within the Keshkal Nagar Panchayat. He further refers to the circular and instructions issued by the Home Secretary, Government of India, dated 11th of March, 2026 and would submit that by way of the said circular the Home Secretary, Government of India has directed all the Chief Secretaries of the State not to transfer the Census Officers once appointed for the work of Census 2027 till 31st of March, 2027.

Issue notice to the respondents.

Ms. Anjua Sharma, learned Deputy Government Advocate would appear and accept notice on behalf of State/Respondents No.1 to 3 and undertakes to file reply within two weeks.

Therefore, on payment of process fee within 10 days notice be issued to the Respondents No.4 & 5.

Considering the submission made by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has been assigned the work of Census in the Keshkal Nagar Panchayat area vide order dated 07/01/2026 by the Collector/Chief Census

ashu	Officer, District Kondagaon and there is a restriction on said transfer by the Government of India, purely as an interim measure it is directed that <i>status quo</i>, be maintained till the next date of hearing with regard to the posting of the petitioner as exist today. List it on 14/07/2026. SD/- (BIBHU DATTA GURU) Judge
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