



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPS No. 4892 of 2026

HOTAM SINGH MAURYA **versus** STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Order on Board

01/07/2026	Mr. Goutam Khetrapal, learned counsel for the petitioner. Mr. Shahil Singh, learned PL for the State. The petitioner has called in question the order dated 04/04/2026 (Annexure-P/7), whereby a fresh departmental enquiry has been initiated pursuant to the directions issued by the Director General (Prison) by reviewing the earlier order dated 09/10/2025 (Annexure-P/3), under which the petitioner had been exonerated of the charges levelled against him. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that under Rule 29(1)(iii) of the Chhattisgarh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1966, a review can be undertaken only within a period of six months. It is

Rahul	contended that the impugned order dated 04/04/2026 (Annexure-P/7) has been passed far beyond the prescribed period of limitation. It is further submitted that the earlier orders were passed on 30/01/2024 and 09/10/2025, and, therefore, the impugned order is <i>ex facie</i> without jurisdiction and contrary to Rule 29(1)(iii) of the Rules. Learned State counsel prays for four weeks' time to file reply. Considering the submissions advanced by learned counsel for the parties and taking note of the <i>prima facie</i> contention that the impugned order appears to have been passed beyond the period prescribed under Rule 29(1)(iii) of the Rules, therefore, purely as an interim measure, the effect and operation of the impugned order dated 04/04/2026 (Annexure-P/7) shall remain stayed till the next date of hearing. List this case on 07/08/2026 Sd/- (Bibhu Datta Guru) Judge
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