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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPS No. 5235 of 2026

POONAM SONWANI versus STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Order on Board

10/07/2026	Heard Shri Prateek Sharma, Adv. for the petitioner and Shri K.G. Yadav, Dy. Govt. Adv. for the State. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the departmental enquiry has been ordered against the petitioner on the same set of charges for which the criminal proceedings have been initiated on the basis of FIR dated 27.9.2011, therefore, the departmental proceedings may be stayed during pendency of criminal case. In support of his contention, he places reliance upon M. Paul Anthony vs. Bharat Gold Mines Ltd. [(1999) 3 SCC 679], Stanzen Toyotetsu India (P) Ltd. vs. Girish V. and others [(2014) 3 SCC 636]. Issue notice to the respondents.

Gowri	Mr. K.G. Yadav, learned Dy. Govt. Adv. appears and accepts notice on behalf of State/respondents and is granted three weeks time to file reply. <u>I.A. No. 01/2026</u> This is an application for grant of ad-interim relief. Issue notice on this application also, as above. Considering the submission made by learned counsel for the petitioner that the charges in the departmental enquiry and the criminal proceedings arise out of the same set of facts and are based on identical evidence and also considering the law laid down by the Supreme Court, purely as an interim measure, it is directed that the further proceedings of the departmental enquiry pending against the petitioner shall remain stayed till the next date of hearing. List the case after four weeks. Certified copy as per rules. Sd/- (Bibhu Datta Guru) Judge
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