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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR**WPS No. 5873 of 2026****KHULESH KUMAR SAHU *versus* STATE OF CHHATTISGARH****Order on Board**

06/08/2026	Mr. Anup Majumdar, Senior Advocate alongwith Mr. Vibhor Govardhan, Advocate for the petitioner. Mr. Lav Sharma, Panel Lawyer for the respondents No.1 & 2/ State. Mr. Siddhant Kumar Das, Advocate for respondent No.3. Heard. Learned Senior Counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner, who is working on the post of Sub-Engineer at Municipal Corporation, Bhilai, has challenged the promotion order dated 10.07.2026 whereby respondents No.4 to 6, who are junior to the petitioner, have been promoted to the post of Assistant

Engineer, while the claim of the petitioner has been ignored. He further submits that as per the gradation list, the petitioner was senior to the private respondents and his name was duly considered and recommended by the Departmental Promotion Committee for promotion, which was further approved by the Mayor-in-Council and forwarded by the competent authority. However, while issuing the final promotion order and confirmation letter, the petitioner's name was excluded without assigning any reason, whereas his juniors were granted promotion. Learned Senior counsel further contends that such action of the respondent authorities is arbitrary and contrary to the applicable service rules, It is, therefore, prayed that the impugned promotion order dated 10.07.2026 and the consequential confirmation letter, insofar as they deny promotion to the petitioner, be set aside and the petitioner be granted promotion to the post of Assistant Engineer with all consequential benefits.

Issue notice.

Mr. Lav Sharma, Panel Lawyer would accept notice on behalf of respondents No.1 & 2/ State and Mr.

Siddhant Kumar Das, Advocate would accept notice on behalf of respondent No.3. They are granted three weeks' time to file reply.

On payment of process fee within ten days, notice be issued to respondents No.4 to 6.

Also heard on I.A. No. 02/2026, application for grant of interim relief/stay.

Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case and taking into account the gradation list indicating that the petitioner is senior to respondents No.4 to 6, purely as an interim measure, the effect and operation of the impugned promotion order dated 10.07.2026 and the consequential confirmation order (Annexures P/1 and P/2), insofar as they relate to the promotion of respondents No.4 to 6, shall remain stayed till the next date of hearing.

List this case on **09.09.2026**.

Sd/-
(BIBHU DATTA GURU)
Judge