



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPS No. 9846 of 2025

SMT. DAKESHWARI SAHU *versus* STATE BANK OF INDIA

Order on Board

16/06/2026	Mr. Sayed Afaq Hussain, learned counsel for the petitioner. Mr. Harshal Chouhan, learned counsel for respondent No. 1 to 4. Ms. Akanksha Verma, learned PL for the State. Heard. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that an amount of Rs. 2,87,957/- is sought to be recovered by the respondent-Bank from the pension of the petitioner, who is the widow of a deceased employee, on the ground that excess pension had been erroneously paid to her, to which she was allegedly not entitled. It is further submitted that the alleged excess amount was

not received by the petitioner on account of any misrepresentation or fraud on her part. Rather, the pension was continuously paid by the concerned authorities from the year 2012 till 2018 and, therefore, the petitioner cannot be held liable for recovery of the said amount after such a long lapse of time.

Learned counsel appearing for the respondent/Bank would submit that reply has already been filed.

Considering the submissions advanced on behalf of the petitioner and having regard to the fact that the alleged excess payment pertains to the period from 2012 to 2018, this Court is of the prima facie view that recovery of the said amount at this stage may not be permissible.

Accordingly, purely as an interim measure and till the next date of hearing, the operation and effect of the impugned recovery orders dated 05.04.2021 (Annexure P/1) and 03.12.2024 (Annexure P/2) shall remain stayed.

List this case along with WPS No. 4147 of 2026

Sd/-

(BIBHU DATTA GURU)
Judge