



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPC No. 3631 of 2019

ARJUN KUMAR BINDHYARAJ **versus** SOUTH EASTERN
COALFIELDS LIMITED

Order Sheet

11.03.2026	Mr. Sanjay Agrawal, learned counsel for the petitioner/s. Mr. Sudhir Kumar Bajpai, learned counsel for the respondent No. 1 to 4. Mr. Ramakant Mishra, DSGI with Mr. Tushar Dhar Diwan, CGC, learned counsel for the respondent No. 5. Mr. Suyash Dhar Badgaiya, GA and Mr. Rohitashwa Singh, Dy. GA, learned counsel for the respondent No. 6. As return on behalf of the respondent Nos. 5 & 6 was not filed this Court on 28.01.2026 directed that the matter be posted today and observed that in the event the reply is not filed, the Respondent Nos. 5 and 6 / competent officer shall appear before this Court through video conferencing at 2:30 PM. Return on behalf of Respondent Nos. 5 and 6 has not been filed as yet. Mr. Ramakant Mishra, learned Deputy Solicitor General submits that the return on behalf of Respondent No. 5 has been prepared and sent through post to his office by Respondent No. 5, however, the same could not be received and therefore it could

not be filed before this Court. He orally prays that the absence of Respondent No. 5 / competent officer may be condoned and further submits that the return on behalf of Respondent No. 5 shall be filed within a period of seven days. His oral prayer is allowed and the absence of Respondent No. 5 / competent officer is hereby condoned.

Mr. Badgaiya submits that the earlier order dated 28.01.2026 could not be communicated to Respondent No. 6. Respondent No. 6 Mr. Omkar Yadav, Upper Collector, Katghora (C.G.) appeared through video conferencing and seeks one week's time to file the return.

This writ petition was filed in the year 2019 and has been listed on several occasions before this Court. This Court has granted multiple opportunities to Respondent Nos. 5 and 6 to file their return. Though sufficient time has already been granted, however, in the interest of justice, this Court is inclined to grant a last opportunity to Respondent Nos. 5 and 6 to file their return on or before **20th March, 2026**, subject to payment of cost of **Rs. 1,000/-** each to be paid to the petitioner.

In the event the return is not filed and the cost is not paid, Respondent Nos. 5 and 6 / competent officer shall appear before this Court through video conferencing on that day at **2:30 PM**.

List this case on 20th March, 2026.

Sd/-

(Sachin Singh Rajput)

Judge