



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPS No. 13323 of 2025

1 - Vishnu Dutt Tiwari S/o Late M.P. Tiwari Aged About 69 Years (Retired A C F- Assistant Conservator Of Forest) (Retired On 28-02-2019) R/o - 58 Shristi Colony, Rajnandgaon Distt. Rajnandgaon C.G.

... Petitioner

Versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary, Forest And Climate Change Department Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Naw Raipur, Distt. Raipur C.G.

2 - Under Secretary, Forest And Climate Change Department Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nawa Raipur, Distt. Raipur C.G.

3 - Chief Conservator Of Forests Chhattisgarh, Atal Nagar, Nawa Raipur C.G.

4 - Chief Conservator Of Forests (Territorial) Durg, Division Durg C.G.

5 - Divisional Forest Officer (D.F.O.), Rajnandgaon Forest Division, Rajnandgaon, Distt. Rajnandgaon C.G.

... Respondents

Order on Board

17/02/2026	Mr. U.N.S. Deo, Advocate for the Petitioner.

	Mr. Siddharth Sharma, Panel Lawyer for the Respondents/State. Issue notice to the respondents. Mr. Siddharth Sharma, Panel Lawyer accepts notice on behalf of the Respondents/State. Hence, no process fee is required to be paid for these respondents. Learned counsel for the Respondents/State prays for and is granted 03 weeks time to file reply. Also heard on I.A. No. 01/2025 which is an application for grant of interim relief. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was issued charge-memo on the ground that the petitioner has committed irregularities at the time of plantation at Chamber No. 595, admeasuring 20 hectares of land and have caused loss of Rs. 8,97,242/- to the State Exchequer. He contended that the penalty of fine amount has been imposed upon the Ranger posted along with the petitioner also. He also submits that the State Government upon, finding the charges to be proved then also, only one amount towards loss could be recovered and not the same amount separately from two employees. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused
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the documents enclosed along with the writ petition.

On due consideration of the submission of learned counsel for the parties, facts and circumstances of the case and documents enclosed along with the writ petition, purely as an interim measure, it is directed that recovery of penalty imposed upon the petitioner shall remain stayed till the next date of hearing.

List this case after 04 weeks.

Sd/-
(Parth Prateem Sahu)
Judge

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