



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPC No. 6573 of 2025

- Anupdas Kurre S/o Shri Kashiram Kurre Aged About 31 Years Presently Working As Sarpanch Gram Panchayat Bhaskra R/o Village Bhaskra P.S. And Tahsil Lormi, District : Mungeli, Chhattisgarh

... Petitioner

versus

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Department Of Panchayat And Rural Development, Mahanadi Bhawan, Mantralaya, New Raipur, Chhattisgarh
2. The Collector District Mungeli, Chhattisgarh
3. The Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue) Lormi, District : Mungeli, Chhattisgarh
4. The Tahsildar / Election Officer Tahsil Lormi, District : Mungeli, Chhattisgarh
5. Shri Ramesh Tonde S/o Shri Bulkhu Tonde Aged About 51 Years R/o Village Bhaskra P.S. And Tahsil Lormi, District : Mungeli, Chhattisgarh

... Respondent(s)

Order on Board

17/12/2025	Mr. Avadhesh Mishra, Advocate for petitioner. Mr. Akhilesh Kumar, Govt. Advocate for the State. Heard. Issue notice to respondents. Mr. Akhilesh Kumar, learned State counsel accepts notice on behalf of Respondents No. 1 to 4.
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pwn	On payment of process fee, issue notice to Respondent No. 5. PF be paid by 19.12.2025. Service of notice through Dasti mode is also permitted. Learned counsel for petitioner submits that petitioner is a returned candidate, has submitted an application for calling the Presiding Officer who is also a party to the election petition as witness. The application has been arbitrarily rejected only on the oral objection made by election petitioner. No reason has been assigned to reject the application. In view of above pleadings made in the election petition, Presiding Officer would be a necessary and important witness. Considered the submission of learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the documents, purely as an interim measure, it is directed that further proceedings pending before Respondent No. 3/ SDO(R.), Lormi, District Mungeli, C.G. shall remain stayed till the next date of hearing. If petitioner fails to pay process fee by 19.12.2025, the interim order passed in this case shall loose its efficacy. Sd/- (Parth Prateem Sahu) Judge
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