

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****WPS No. 14214 of 2025****BRAJESH MISHRA *versus* STATE OF CHHATTISGARH****Order on Board**

08/01/2026	<p>Mr. Ajay Kumrani, Advocate for the petitioners.</p> <p>Mr. Yashwant Singh Thakur, Additional Advocate General for respondents-State.</p> <p>Heard.</p> <p>Issue notice.</p> <p>Learned State Counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondents, hence, process fee is not required to be paid for issuance of notice to respondents. He prays for and is granted three weeks time to file reply.</p> <p>Also heard on I.A. No.1/2025, application for grant of interim relief/stay.</p> <p>Learned counsel for petitioners would submit that petitioners are posted as Headmaster, Primary School (E-Cadre) and looking to their qualification, they are eligible for</p>
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consideration of their promotion on the post of Lecturer. In the proceeding initiated by respondents in the year 2022, some of the petitioners were considered for promotion on the post of Lecturer, however, due to filing of writ petitions and passing of interim orders therein, the proceeding initiated was stayed. Thereafter, proceeding for promotion of Teacher (E-Cadre)/Headmaster, Primary School has not been initiated. Now, respondent authorities have initiated proceeding for promotion of Teachers (LB) and Headmaster, Primary School on the post of Lecturer. If promotion proceeding is allowed to continue and Teachers (LB) and Headmaster are promoted, then they will gain seniority over petitioners which will adversely affect their future promotional prospects. Therefore, till reply to writ petition is filed by respondents, some interim protection may be granted.

Learned Additional Advocate General for respondent State opposing submissions of learned counsel for petitioners, would submit that there are two different quota i.e. 'LB' cadre and 'E' cadre, and according to instruction received by him, total 1275 posts of Lecturer in each cadre are available for promotion. If promotion proceeding of

Teacher (LB) and Headmaster, Primary School is concluded, it will not affect in any manner the promotional avenues of petitioners.

At this stage, learned counsel for petitioners submits that Principals are to be promoted from the post of Lecturers and if for any reason, eligible Lecturers for promotion to the post of Principal (E-Cadre) are not available, then as per rules, post is to be filled by Lecturer of LB Cadre.

On due consideration of submissions of learned counsel for the parties, purely as an interim measure, it is directed that respondent authorities may continue with promotion proceedings, however, the order of promotion / order of posting, shall not be issued till next date of hearing.

List this petition in 1st week of February 2026.

Certified copy as per rules.

Sd/-
(Parth Prateem Sahu)
Judge

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