

**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN AT
JODHPUR**

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 4207/2026

Jograj Singh Bhati S/o Narayan Singh Bhati, Aged About 33 Years, R/o Vpo Sindar Tehsil Fatehgarh, District Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

-----Petitioner

Versus

1. State Of Rajasthan, Through The Secretary, Department Of Forest, Secretariat, Jaipur, Rajasthan.
2. Principal Chief Conservator Of Forest, Forest Department, Government Of Rajasthan, Van Bhawan (Head Office), Jaipur.
3. The Divisional Chief Conservator Of Forest, Department Of Forest, Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
4. The Disciplinary Officer And Deputy Forest Conservator, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

-----Respondents

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Krishnapal Singh Bhati

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE NUPUR BHATI

Order

24/02/2026

1. Counsel for the petitioner submits that the respondents, vide order dated 28.01.2026 (Annex.2), have placed the petitioner under suspension while invoking Rule 13 of the Rajasthan Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1958 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules of 1958'). He submits that on the same day, the petitioner has been served with a memorandum of charges under Rule 17 of the Rules of 1958. He further submits that in view of the fact that the petitioner has been served with a charge-sheet under Rule 17 (procedure for imposing minor

penalties), the petitioner was not required to be placed under suspension, as suspension is ordinarily resorted to only in the cases which involve grave offences, moral turpitude, embezzlement, or other serious misconduct, where a *prima facie* case warranting initiation of proceedings under Rule 16 (procedure for imposing major penalties) of the Rules of 1958, is made out and only in such circumstances, the delinquent employee(s) is/are required to be placed under suspension.

2. The matter requires consideration.
3. Issue notice of the writ petition along with stay application to the respondents, returnable within a period of four weeks.
4. In the meanwhile and till the next date, effect and operation of the Office Order dated 28.01.2026 (Annex.2), shall remain stayed.

(DR.NUPUR BHATI),J

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