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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR
WPS No. 595 of 2023

Smt. Ashok Tripathi Wd/o Late Lalta Prasad Tripathi Aged About 74 Years R/o Behind Dream Land School, Arvind Nagar Sarkanda, Tahsil and District Bilaspur (C.G.).

---- **Petitioner**

Versus

1. State of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary Department of Forest, Nawa Raipur Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Tahsil Raipur, District : Raipur, Chhattisgarh
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest Aranya Bhawan, Sector 19 North Block Nawa Raipur Atal Nagar, Tahsil Raipur, District : Raipur, Chhattisgarh
3. The Chief Conservator of Forest Office of Bilaspur Forest Circle, Bilaspur Tahsil Bilaspur, District : Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

--- **Respondents**

For Petitioner	:	Mr. NK Malviya, Advocate.
For State/Respondent	:	Mr. Ravi Bhagat, Dy. GA.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Parth Prateem Sahu
Order on Board

02/02/2023

1. Learned counsel for petitioner submits that petitioner's late husband retired on 29.05.2016 from the post of Dy. Forest Ranger.
2. Learned counsel for petitioner submits that some of Forest Rangers have earlier filed writ petition bearing WP No.4717 of 2001 seeking relief with regard to promotion and other benefits based on order passed by High Court of Madhya Pradesh, wherein, some direction was issued for extending the same benefit as extended to employees working in State of Madhya Pradesh. Based on representation submitted by petitioner, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Raipur wrote a letter to the Chief Secretary, seeking clarification and direction based on relief claimed by applicants therein in their representation. He, however, submits that after filing of writ petition, he came to know that against order passed in WPS No.4765 of 2005 filed by one of employee of Forest Department, State of Chhattisgarh preferred writ appeal and the Division Bench of this Court in Writ Appeal No.788 of 2018 partly allowed the writ appeal. He contended that in the order passed by the Division Bench in Writ Appeal No.788 of 2018, some benefits have been given



to employees also and therefore at this stage, petitioner may be permitted to submit a fresh representation before the respondents/Competent Authority based on order dated 04.02.2019 passed in WA No.788 of 2018 and in-turn respondents be directed to consider and decide the same expeditiously, within specified time.

3. Learned counsel for the State would submit that as petitioner at this stage is only seeking permission of this Court to submit a representation in the light of order dated 04.02.2019 passed in Writ Appeal No.788 of 2018, to be considered and decided by competent authority, he is having no objection.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused documents annexed along with the writ petition.

5. In view of submission of learned counsel for the respective parties, particularly submission of learned counsel for the petitioner seeking limited direction of this Court to dispose of this writ petition permitting petitioner to file detailed representation before respondent No.1 in the light of order dated 04.02.2019 passed in Writ Appeal No.788 of 2018 and a direction to respondent No.1 to decide the representation expeditiously, I find it appropriate to dispose of writ petition permitting the petitioner to submit a detailed representation before respondent No.1 within a period of three weeks from today, raising all grounds as raised in this writ petition. On making such representation by petitioner, respondent No.1 shall consider and decide the same within a further period of **'eight weeks'** from the date of receipt of representation, keeping in mind the order dated 04.02.2019 passed in Writ Appeal No.788 of 2018.

6. With the aforesaid observation and direction, writ petition stands disposed of.

CC as per rules.

Sd/-
(Parth Prateem Sahu)
Judge

J/-