



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

Order Sheet

WPS No. 4452 of 2021

Smt. Janak Nandani Dubey **Versus** State Of Chhattisgarh

24/08/2021	Mr. C. Jayant K. Rao, Advocate for the petitioner/s. Mr. Kunal Das, PL for the State. Petition is admitted for hearing. Let notices be issued to respondents No.3 to 6 as per rules. Also heard on IA No.1 which is an application for grant of interim relief. Today when the matter is taken up for hearing the counsel for the State submits that the action under challenge is one which has been taken by the respondents No.3 to 6 which is a body under which the petitioners have been appointed and that the said body is funded by the Union of India. Therefore, the respondents No.3 to 6 would be the main contesting party and the appropriate authorities to explain as to under what circumstances the wages of the petitioners have been reduced. At this juncture if we look into the minimum wages prescribed by the Collector issued on 16.06.2020 which still holds good, would show that the category to which the petitioners belong or have been appointed, the minimum wages fixed is Rs.9,550/-. The petitioners have been receiving the said amount since July, 2020 onwards and up till March, 2021 when abruptly the wages of the petitioners have been reduced from Rs.9,550/- to Rs.8000/- per month. There does not seem to be any formal order passed in this regard or any other rate issued from the Government authorities so far as minimum wages or wages to the



category to which the petitioners belong being reduced to Rs.8000/- per month which is being paid to the petitioners since April, 2021 onwards. In the absence of any such documents, prima facie this court is of the opinion that the action on the part of the respondents in reducing the wages of the petitioners from Rs.9,550/- to Rs.8000/-per month is bad in law and illegal. Accordingly, till the next date of hearing it is ordered that the respondents should ensure that the petitioners are paid the wages @ Rs.9550/- per month till the writ petition is finally decided or interim order stands modified, whichever is earlier.

List this case for hearing along with WPS 3019/2021 & WPS 3082/2021.

**Sd/-
(P. Sam Koshy)
JUDGE**

Rohit