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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPCR No. 589 of 2026

- Vinay Ratna Meshram S/o Shri Shiv Kumar Meshram, Aged About 35 Years R/o Ward No.30, Janki Vihar Road Saraswati Nagar Near B S N L Telephone Exchange, Balaghat, District -Balaghat (M.P.)

... Petitioner

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Department Of Home, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nawa Raipur, District Raipur (C.G.)

2 - Superintendent Of Police, Rajnandgaon, District Rajnandgaon (C.G.)

3 - Station House Officer, Police Station -A J A K, Rajnandgaon, District - Rajnandgaon (C.G.)

4 - National Commission For Scheduled Castes, Through -Director, Room No. 906, 9th Floor, C G O Towers, Kavadiguda, Hyderabad, District - Hyderabad (Telangana)

5 - Chhattisgarh Gramin Bank, Through -General Manager (Administration), Corporate Office, Plot No. 47, Sector 24, Atal Nagar, Nawa Raipur, District - Raipur (C.G.)

6 - Branch Manager, Chhattisgarh Gramin Bank, Branch Kaudikkasa, District Rajnandgaon (C.G.)

7 - Shishir Shukla S/o K.M. Shukla, Aged About 40 Years Posted As Regional Manager, Chhattisgarh Gramin Bank, Regional Officer -Rajnandgaon District Rajnandgaon (C.G.) R/o Power House Road, Namnakala, Ambikapur, District- Sarguja (C.G.)

... Respondents

For Petitioner	:	Mr. Anukul Biswas, Advocate
For State	:	Mr. HAPS Bhatia, Panel Lawyer
For Respondents No. 5 to 7	:	Mr. Sabyasachi Bhaduri, Advocate

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DB: Hon'ble Shri Justice Narendra Kumar Vyas &

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sudhir Kumar

Order on Board

13.10.2026

Per Narendra Kumar Vyas, J.

1. This petition has been filed by the petitioner for issuance of direction to the respondent police authorities to take lawful action on the written complaint dated 17.09.2026 submitted by him against respondent No. 7, alleging caste-based discrimination and commission of a cognizable offence.

2. The brief facts, as reflected from the record, are that the petitioner submitted a written complaint before the In-charge, Police Station AJAK, Rajnandgaon, alleging that he was posted as an Officer Class-I in Chhattisgarh Gramin Bank and during his tenure, his salary for the month of January 2026 was not paid until the last working day of the month and was subsequently disbursed in two installments on 25.02.2026 and 25.03.2026. It is further alleged that respondent No. 7 deliberately withheld the petitioner's salary with intention to harass him causing him financial loss, discriminated against him on the basis of caste, and failed to comply with the Officers and Employees Service Rules, 2013.

3. Considering the nature of the allegations made in the complaint and the relief sought by the petitioner, this Court is of the considered view that no direction, as prayed for, is warranted at this stage. The allegations relating to the alleged withholding of salary, the purported violation of the applicable service rules on the basis of alleged caste discrimination

cannot be a ground for this Court to issue direction to the Police Authorities to register the FIR as all the allegations made in the complaint require investigation which may take time for the investigating agency to enquire. In such a situation, any direction for registration of FIR is nothing but amounts to determination of the issue without proper investigation by the authorities.

4. In view of the above, no direction for registration of FIR can be issued by this Court at this stage. Accordingly, the petition *sans* merit is liable to be dismissed and it is hereby dismissed.

5. It is made clear that this Court has only recited the facts made in the complaint and no finding with regard to the allegation made in the complaint has been given by this Court.

Sd/-
(Narendra Kumar Vyas)
Judge

Sd/-
(Sudhir Kumar)
Judge

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