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No. AG/CG/BSP/2024/23917- **MOST IMPORTANT**

Dated 27/09/2024

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1. The Chief Secretary,  
Govt. of Chhattisgarh,  
Mahanadi Bhawan, Mantralaya,  
Atal Nagar Nawa Raipur (CG.)
2. The Secretary,  
Govt. of Chhattisgarh,  
Department of General Administration,  
Mahanadi Bhawan, Mantralaya,  
Atal Nagar Nawa Raipur (CG.)
3. The Secretary,  
Govt. of Chhattisgarh,  
Department of Water Resources,  
Mahanadi Bhawan, Mantralaya, Atal Nagar Nawa Raipur (CG.)

Sub: 1. W.P. (S) No. 5507/2022 – Mahesh Giri Vs. State of CG. and others.  
2. W.P. (S) No. 2476/2023 – Anil Kumar Dubey Vs. State of CG. and others.  
3. W.P. (S) No. 5505/2022 – G.L. Sahu Vs. State of CG. and others.

All the above writ petitions have been filed for different reliefs by the petitioners, commonly the relief has been claimed against the Water Resources Department.


In terms of the notices issued, one Mr. Suresh Kumar Pandey, EE, WRD, Tandula Division, Durg has been authorized to act as Officer-In- Charge in all the cases. From the records of the case, it appears that on 25/01/2024 the file was allotted to the Officer-in-Charge concerned and thereafter, return was prepared on 25/09/2024. On 26/09/2024 one Mr. Pradeep Kumar Vasnik, EE, WRD, Korba came to this office for the purpose of filing of return impersonating as Suresh Kumar Pandey in all the above referred cases. He obtained the files from the concerned Law Officers for the purpose of approval. When the Additional Advocate General made certain queries with Mr. Vasnik about the annexures affixed in the return, he could not answer the same and ultimately he admitted the fact that he is Pradeep Kumar

Vasnik and not Mr. Suresh Kumar Pandey, Officer-in-charge of the case. In view of the said, return in all the cases has not been filed as the authorized person Officer-in-charge Shri Suresh Kumar Pandey had not appeared and Mr. Pradeep Kumar Vasnik had impersonated himself as Mr. Suresh Kumar Pandey. The act of Mr. Pradeep Kumar Vasnik is not an act which likely not to be condemned but also an act which not only amounts to interference in judicial process but also an act by which he has cheated by personating to someone else as Mr. Suresh Kumar Pandey and knowingly substituted himself in place of Mr. Suresh Kumar Pandey. The above action of Mr. Pradeep Kumar Vasnik amounts to cheating by impersonation which is punishable offence under the provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita -2023.

In the office of the Advocate General, we do not have any identification procedure and upon the letter issued by the Department to the Officer-in-Charge, the files are handed over and as per the factual instructions given by the Officer-in-Charge, return is prepared. there may be cases in which person other than the Officer-in-Charge would have filed return in the matter which may cause prejudice to the State. Therefore, it is requested to take action against Mr. Pradeep Kumar Vasnik as well as Mr. Suresh Kumar Pandey who allowed Mr. Vasnik to represent himself against him and intimate this office and also issue necessary directions that it is only the authorized Officer-in-charge, who shall appear before the office of the Advocate General for the purpose of filing return. Any person found to be impersonating to any other person may have serious consequence including the FIR to be registered under the provisions of Section 319 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Kindly take strict action against Mr. Pradeep Kumar Vasnik as well as Mr. Suresh Kumar Pandey for cheating this office and intimate this office so that a suitable action can be taken.

Treat this as most urgent.

  
[PRAFULL N. BHARAT]  
ADVOCATE GENERAL