IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH AT JABALPUR

BEFORE

HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE SANJAY DWIVEDI ON THE 30th OF JANUARY, 2023

WRIT PETITION No. 26636 of 2022

BETWEEN:-

NARENDRA KUMAR NAMDEO S/O LATE SHRI SHRAWAN KUMAR NAMDEO, AGED ABOUT 59 YEARS, OCCUPATION: (ASST. TEACHER) GOVT. PRIMARY SCHOOL SINDURI BHARRI R/O GRAM KUDRI TEHSIL SOHAGPUR SHAHDOL DISTRICT SHAHDOL (MADHYA PRADESH)

....PETITIONER

(BY SHRI PRIYANSHU DUBEY - ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH THROUGH THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT VALLABH BHAWAN BHOPAL (M.P.)
- 2. JOINT DIRECTOR TREASURY AND ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT REWA DISTRICT REWA (MADHYA PRADESH)
- 3. ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SHAHDOL DISTRICT SHAHDOL (MADHYA PRADESH)
- 4. DISTRICT TREASURY OFFICER SHAHDOL DISTRICT SHAHDOL (MADHYA PRADESH)
- 5. BLOCK EDUCATION OFFICER SHAHDOL SOHAGPUR DISTRICT SHAHDOL (MADHYA PRADESH)

....RESPONDENTS

(BY SHRI DARSHAN SONI - GOVERNMENT ADVOCATE)

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By the instant petition, the petitioner is challenging the action of the respondents whereby they have proposed recovery of an amount i.e. Rs.2,83,299/- against the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that this amount includes interest to the tune of Rs.1,18,940/- whereas basic amount is Rs.1,64,359/-. Pointing towards the legal position already set at rest, learned counsel relies upon an order dated 13.09.2017 passed in W.P.No.826/2017 (Rajendra Bhavsar v. State of Madhya Pradesh and others) whereby the Court has quashed the recovery of interest amount and that order has been followed by the Court on number of occasions.

In contrast, learned counsel for the State submits that the fact with regard to recovery proposed against the petitioner and amount underlying therein, requires to be ascertained and therefore instead of deciding the petition finally, he may be granted an opportunity to file a reply in the matter.

Obviously, from the document-D/1 made appendage to I.A.No.16686/2022 filed by the petitioner, it is clear that amount of excess payment is being recovered from the petitioner. Bolstered by the myriad decisions, rather keeping the matter pending, I deem it apposite to dispose of the petition directing the respondents-authorities to only recover the basic amount i.e. Rs.1,64,359/- and not the interest part i.e. Rs.1,18,940/- from the petitioner. Accordingly, the impugned order dated 20.03.2019 (Annexure-P/3) is set aside in part.

With the aforesaid direction, this petition is disposed of.

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