IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BILASPUR (CHHATTISGARH)

WRIT PETITION No.43... of 2001

Budhuram S/o Balki aged about 48 years, Q'Satnami, resident of Putekela, Tahsil Sakti, District Janjgir Champa, Chhattisgarh ...

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Luxman aged about 22 years S/o Chotelal Satnami, resident of Chamra-Barpali, Tahsil Sakti, District Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.

Shri R.D.Chelak, Sub-Engineer, Hasdeo Sub Minor, Division No.2, Presiding Officer, Polling Booth No. 128, Village Chamra Barpali, Tahsil Sakti, District Janajgir Champa, Chhattisgarh.

- Shri Ramprasad Chandra, Pradhan Pathak, Keri Bandha, Presiding Officer Polling Booth No. 129, Village Chamra Barpali, Tahsil Sakti, District Janjgir (3) Champa (Chhattisgarh).
- Kumari Purnima Shrivastava, Tahsildar and Prscribed Officer and Returning Officer, Panchayat Election Sakti, Tahsil Sakti, District Janjgir Champa (4)
 - (Chhattisgarh).

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 Shri S.R.Sahu, Prescribed Authority (Panchayat
 Nirwachan Yachika) Camp Sakti, Tahsil Sakti, (5) District Janjgir Champa (Chhattisgarh). RESPONDENTS

WRIT PETITION UNDER ARTICLE SEC. 226 AND 227 OF THE

CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

उच्च न्यायालय, छत्तीसगढ़, बिलासपुर



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Heard Mr. D.T. Dehankar, learned counsel for the petitioner, Mr. Pankaj Agarwal, learned counsel for the respondent no.1 & Mr. J.P. Mersha, learned counsel for respondent no.2.

Though SPC was noticed, respondent no.1 has not come before this Court. The matter concerns the election of Sarpanch of village Putekela, Tahsil Sakti, District Janjgir. The election was held on 2/2/2000 and the result was also declared on the same date. The petitioner was declared elected. Respondent no.1 filed the election petition challenging the validity of the election of the writ petitioner. After recording evidence the election of the petitioner was set aside by the impugned order dated 30/12/2000. Though the election result was declared on 2/2/2000, the result was notified on 3/2/2000 and the writ petitioner started to work as Sarpanch of village Putékela, Tahsil Sakti, District Janjgir, since

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the election petition ought not to have been entertained at all

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inasmuch as the said petition was submitted by an Advocate without any authority given to him by the election petinin this behalf. tioner Secondly, it is also contended that the election petition could not have been entertained inasmuch as the fitted in townstand of Rule 7 of M.P. Panchayat Raj Adhiniyam, elect violation of Rule 7 of M.P. Panchayat Raj Adhiniyam, 1993 and Rules 1995. In terms of Rule 7 of the Rules 1995 the election petition has to be presented with a security deposit of Rs.500/- within 30 days. Drawing my attention to the order sheet, it is pointed out that on 16/2/2000 a sum of Rs.250/- was deposited. Another sum of Rs. 250/- was deposited only on 22/3/2000. Rules are mandatory. The fact that the aforesaid rules are mandatory, has been held by M.P. High Court vide 1999 JLJ, Volume-I, Page no.200.

Rule 8 of the said Rules stipulates that the election petition is liable to be rejected if Rule 7 is violated or not followed. It is contended that as regards the manner in which security deposit is made, no finding has been given by the prescribed authority. In the few and facts and circumstances that have been stated above, it is clear to me that there has been contravention of the provisions of Rule 7 of the said Rules in the present case. Since the said Rule is mandatory, I must hold that the election petition ought to have been rejected for non-fulfilment effor conditions laid down under the Rules.

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In the result, this petition is allowed. The impugned order issued on 30/12/2000 by the Prescribed Authority is set-aside. Consequently, the pessession

of the writ petitioner shall stand restored as Sarpanch.

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Sd/- Chief Justice

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