**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**

**W.P.(S) No. 5264 of 2022**

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Kamini Mohan Mehra … … Petitioner

Versus

1. The State Bank of India, Ranchi through Deputy General Manager having office at Administrative Officer, Court Compound, Ranchi
2. The General Manager (SBI), State Bank of India, Local Head Officer, Gol Ghar, Patna, Bihar
3. The Regional Manager (SBI), Chaibasa, Regional Business Office, Region-IV, Chaibasa

…. … Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR**

For the Petitioner : Mr. Ankit Apurva, Advocate
Mr. Shadab Eqbal, Advocate

For the Respondents : Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Advocate
Mr. Amit Kumar, Advocate
Mr. Manindra Kumar Sinha, Advocate

**Order No. 04** **Dated: 31.07.2023**

The present writ petition has been filed for quashing order dated 07.04.2021 passed by the General Manager (DA), Discipline Management Hub (East), State Bank of India, Local Head Office, Kolkata whereby the petitioner has been imposed penalty of reduction by two stages in the time scale of pay for two years with further direction that the petitioner will not earn increments of pay during the period of such reduction and on expiry of such period, the reduction will have effect of postponing the future increments of pay in terms with rule 67(f) of the State Bank of India Officers Service Rules (in short, "SBIOSR"), moreover the period of suspension w.e.f. 21.10.2019 till passing of the said order is to be treated as not on duty.

**2.** Mr. Rajesh Kumar, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents, raises an objection with regard to maintainability of the present writ petition on the ground that the petitioner has efficacious remedy of preferring an appeal against the impugned order of punishment dated 07.04.2021 by invoking rule 69 of SBIOSR.

**3.** Having heard learned counsel for the parties and

considering that the petitioner has the efficacious remedy of preferring appeal against the impugned order dated 07.04.2021 passed under rule 67 (f) of SBIOSR, I am not inclined to entertain the present writ petition on merit at this stage and the same is accordingly dismissed as not maintainable.

**4.** The petitioner is, however, at liberty to take recourse of rule 69 of SBIOSR. If the said appeal is preferred by the petitioner within one month from today, the delay caused in filing the same will be treated liberally by the appellate authority and will proceed to consider and dispose of the appeal on merit.

**(Rajesh Shankar, J.)**

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