



IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
AT GWALIOR

BEFORE

HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE G. S. AHLUWALIA

&

HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE PUSHPENDRA YADAV

ON THE 8th OF MAY, 2026

MISC. PETITION No. 3047 of 2026

SMT. CHANDRAKANTA SHARMA

Versus

MANISH SHARMA AND OTHERS

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Appearance:

Shri Ayushman Dubey - Advocate for the petitioner.
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ORDER

Per. Justice Gurpal Singh Ahluwalia

This writ petition under Article 227 of the Constitution of India has been filed seeking following reliefs:-

- "i) Direct the Learned Debts Recovery Tribunal, Jabalpur to decide the pending proceedings within a fixed time frame.
ii) Direct the proceedings before the Learned Debts Recovery Tribunal, Jabalpur at SA No./806/2023 to be adjudicated and dispose of preferably within a period of 6 months from the receipt of the certified copy of the order if so passed by this Hon'ble Court.
iii) Pass any other order deemed fit in the interest of justice."*

2. It is fairly conceded by counsel for the petitioner that for the time being the post of Presiding Officer, DRT, Jabalpur is lying vacant. Earlier the Presiding Officer, DRT Allahabad was holding the additional charge of DRT, Jabalpur, but the said Presiding Officer has resigned and thereafter, the Presiding Officer, DRT Lucknow was holding the additional charge, but now



the post of Presiding Officer, DRT Lucknow has also fallen vacant.

3. Thus, it appears that for the time being there is no Presiding Officer to take up the case of petitioner.

3. Under hope and belief that Central Government would make appointment/posting on the post of Presiding Officer as early as possible, this petition is **disposed of** with the following directions:-

(i) After the Presiding Officer of DRT, Jabalpur is posted or additional charge of DRT, Jabalpur is given to any other Presiding Officer, then it is requested that every effort may be made to finally dispose of the matter as early as possible preferably within a period of six months from the date of order of posting or conferral of additional charge of the post of Presiding Officer, DRT, Jabalpur.

4. It is made clear that this Court has not considered or looked into the merits of the case and a request to dispose of the matter at the earliest should not be treated as a direction to decide the matter in favor of petitioner and the matter shall be decided strictly in accordance with law without getting influenced or prejudiced by directions of this Court.

(G. S. AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

(PUSHPENDRA YADAV)
JUDGE

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