

ORDER SHEET

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNAL – Cum – LABOUR COURT,
JABALPUR (M.P.)

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Case No. CGIT/EPFA/13/2026 M/S. M.P. Chronicle V/S RPFC Bhopal		
20.03.2026	Matter taken up. Mr. Pranay Choubey Learned Counsel present for Appellant Establishment. Mr. Rahul Chourasia Learned Counsel appears for Respondent Authority, seeks and granted time for filing regular vakalatnama as well objection on I.R. against recovery. Copy of the memo of appeal and IR as well documents have already been served on learned lead Counsel for Respondent Authority Mr. Abhishek Arjaria. The impugned order has been passed on 09.02.2026 under Section 14-B of the EPF and Misc. Provisions Act 1952 corresponding Section 128 of Social Security Code 2020 in force since 21.11.2025 under a notification of the Central Government in this respect. Learned Counsel for Appellant Establishment submits that the hearing is on IR is being adjourned at the instance of Respondent Authority who have been given time to file written objection in the meanwhile, they may proceed for recovery of the amount under the appeal. Hence, interim protection against recovery be granted. Learned Counsel further submits that they are a Media Organisation have been in financial bad position since years proceedings against under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code had also proceeded against them but were dropped. On perusal of record, the Appellant Establishment	

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	is held to have made out a prima-facie case in their favour at this stage. Recovery of money is involved, hence in the light of the facts and circumstances of the case in hand, interim protection against recovery till next date fixed, may be granted on certain conditions. Objection on IR and counter to the appeal within four weeks from today. Rejoinder, if any, within two weeks thereafter. List on 09/07/2026 for hearing on IR / Final Arguments. Recovery of amount under appeal shall remain stayed till next date on the condition of depositing 40% of amount under appeal by the Appellant Establishment before Respondent Authority within 30 days from today. Non compliance of this order within time frame mentioned, shall result into automatic vacation of the interim protection. Upload this order. PRESIDING OFFICER	