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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPIL No. 19 of 2025

**IN THE MATTER OF SUO MOTO PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION,
versus THE STATE OF CHHATTISGARH**

Order on Board

18/08/2025	This is an office reference. Heard Mr. Prafull N. Bharat, learned Advocate General assisted by Mr. Shashank Thakur, learned Deputy Advocate General for the State/ respondent. This matter has been listed today as this Court has come across news report, published in Hindi Daily newspaper, namely Bilaspur Bhaskar, Edition 17th August, 2025 with a heading “ चांदीडीह

शराब दुकान के सामने की सड़क बनी ओपन बार, छलक रहे जाम" and sub heading "कब्जा हटाने के बाद बढ़ी अराजकता, नहीं हो रही कार्रवाई ".

The aforesaid news-report relates to the resident of the Chantidih area of Bilaspur District. The *ahata* attached with the liquor shop of chantidih had been demolished, due to which the people are consuming liquor in the open area which is creating trouble for the residents of the area.

Looking to the aforesaid situation, at this stage, we deem it appropriate to direct the Assistant Excise Commissioner, Bilaspur to file its personal affidavit with respect to the news item.

Learned Advocate General submits that earlier there was *ahata* near the liquor shop which has been demolished because of the widening of the road and objection made by the local residents.

Considering the fact that the license liquor shop is situated in the heart of the city or *mohalla* etc it is the responsibility of Administration to see that, the liquor which is being purchased from the shop should not be consumed in the public place as it creates nuisance.

Let the matter be listed again on **28th August, 2025** for further monitoring.

Sd/-
(Bibhu Datta Guru)
Judge

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice