



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPIL No. 14 of 2024

In The Matter Of Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation

Versus

The State Of Chhattisgarh

Order Sheet

17.12.2025	This is an office reference. Heard Mr. Y.S. Thakur, learned Additional Advocate General for respondents / State. In compliance to the Court's order dated 09.12.2025, the Director General, jail and Correctional Services, Jail Headquarters, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar (C.G.), has filed his personal affidavit, relevant paras of which are reproduced hereinbelow: <i>“(i) That, at the outset, the deponent herein most respectfully submits that he holds this Hon'ble Court in the highest esteem and respect. The deponent has never sought or intended to, directly or indirectly, commit</i>

any act that interferes with the process of administration of justice.

(ii) In compliance of the Hon'ble Court's order, the deponent most humbly and respectfully submits that, in order to conclude the pending departmental enquiries directed the aforesaid inquiry officers to attend in the video conference being held on 01.12.2025 at 12:00 noon with regard to evaluation of progress of the departmental enquiry, along with the present status of the departmental enquiries. In this regard, copy of the letter dated 27.11.2025 along with video conferencing meeting dated 01.12.2025, is jointly filed and marked herewith as ANNEXURE J.

(iii) It is most humbly and respectfully submitted that, in compliance of the Hon'ble Court's order, the respondent authority has directed the respective Inquiry Officers namely Shri Uttam Kumar Patel, Deputy Jail Superintendent, District Jail Rajnandgaon; Shri S.P. Kurrey, Assistant Jail Superintendent, District Jail Sanjari Balod; Shri Rajendra Kumar Banjare,

Assistant Jail Superintendent, District Kabirdham; Shri Yogesh Kumar Banjare, Assistant Jail Superintendent, Sub Jail Khairagarh; Smt. Puja Tiwari, Assistant Jail Superintendent, District Rajnandgaon and Shri Rahul Gangrale, Assistant Jail Superintendent, Sub Jail Dongargarh, District Rajnandgaon (CG) to conclude the pending departmental enquiries and submit status of the case at the earliest. Copy of the chart showing current status of departmental enquiries based on reports provided by the concerned Inquiry Officers is filed herewith as ANNEXURE K.

(iv) The deponent respectfully submits that, in compliance of the earlier order dated 10.11.2025 passed by this Hon'ble Court, the State has duly complied and filed an application for taking status report on record though the Officer-in-Charge of case on 08.12.2025. In this regard, copy of the application with receipt provided by the office of the Advocate General, Bilaspur (CG) dated 08.12.2025 is filed and marked herewith as ANNEXURE L.”

Perusal of the affidavit goes to show that the

directions of this Court have been duly complied with by convening a video-conference meeting dated 01.12.2025 to review the progress of pending departmental enquiries, by directing the concerned Inquiry Officers to conclude the enquiries at the earliest and submit their status reports with respect to the 21 police personnel underway, and by filing the requisite status report/application on record on 08.12.2025, as evidenced by Annexures J, K and L annexed with affidavit.

In view of the same, let the matter be listed again in the month of February, 2026 for further monitoring.

Fresh affidavit shall be filed by the the Director General, jail and Correctional Services, Jail Headquarters, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar (C.G.) in the matter disclosing the progress in the matter.

Sd/-

(Bibhu Datta Guru)
Judge

Sd/-

(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice