



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 AND OTHERS

Order Sheet

27-02-2026	This is an office reference. Heard Mr. Praveen Das Thakur, learned Additional Advocate General for the State-respondents. In compliance to the Court's order dated 17.2.2025, 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:- “2. That, earlier an affidavit was filed before the Hon'ble Court in compliance of Hon'ble Court's order dated 09/12/2025, which has been placed on record. When the matter was listed for hearing on 17/12/2025, the Hon'ble Court was pleased to take the affidavit on record, which was filed in compliance of Hon'ble Court's earlier direction. The Hon'ble

	Court was further pleased to direct filing of fresh affidavit by the deponent in respect to the progress of the matter. 3. It is most respectfully submitted that, the present affidavit is being filed in compliance of Hon'ble Court's order dated 17/12/2025 placing on record the progress with respect to the various departmental enquiries being conducted against erring Warders/officers of Central Jail, Durg. 4. It is most respectfully submitted that, the deponent has sought the progress of the enquiry being conducted against the delinquent Warders/Officer of Central Jail, Durg and has issued relevant instructions regarding completion of the departmental enquiry. The copy of instructions dated 19/01/2026 is placed before the Hon'ble Court as <u>ANNEXURE A-1</u>. 5. It is respectfully submitted that, pursuant to the instructions of Annexure A-1, all the enquiry officers, who were entrusted with conducting the departmental enquiries of various Warders/Officer, have duly submitted their report alongwith the status of the enquiry. The report is being collectively filed for kind perusal of Hon'ble Court as <u>ANNEXURE A-2</u>
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6. It is submitted that, on the basis of the reports submitted by the various enquiry officers, an updated tabulation chart has been prepared reflecting the individual cases for which the enquiry of the delinquent is pending. The tabulation chart is placed before the Hon'ble Court as **ANNEXURE A-3**, for kind perusal.
7. It is most respectfully submitted that, the deponent herein assures the Hon'ble Court that, all the enquiries, which are being conducted against the various delinquent Warders/Officer would be completed at the earliest possible and the progress report thereof would be placed before the Hon'ble Court, if so desired.
8. That, the deponent reiterates his highest regard and respect for this Hon'ble Court and humbly assures that all directions, orders and observations issued by this Hon'ble Court shall be complied with promptly, faithfully and in their true letter and spirit."

Mr. Prveen Das, learned Addl. Advocate General submits that out of 21 erring officials against 11 erring officials enquiry has been completed and report has been sent and decision on punishment is still awaited, whereas, in 6 cases the enquiry is completed and

enquiry report is under preparation and in 4 cases enquiry is going on.

In view of the above, let the matter be listed again on 15-04-2026 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 further progress in the matter.

Sd/-

(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge

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(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice