



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPIL No. 14 of 2026

In The Matter Of Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation

Versus

State Of Chhattisgarh

Order Sheet

01.04.2026	This is an office reference. Heard Mr. Shashank Thakur, learned Additional Advocate General for State, Mr. Anandi Sharma (through video conferencing) along with Ms. Chetna sharma, learned counsel for respondent No.4. The matter relates to a news article published in Daily News Paper Navbharat, Nyayadhani, Bilaspur dated 24th March, 2026, in which news item is as under:- "चौक-चौराहों की प्रतिमाओं पर जम रही धूल की परतें, अंधेरा भी"

In light of the serious concerns highlighted in the above report regarding the persistent neglect, lack of regular cleaning, and inadequate illumination of statues installed at public squares and intersections in Bilaspur, the respondent No.4 – The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Bilaspur (C.G.), is hereby directed to file a personal affidavit addressing the issues raised, detailing the steps taken or proposed to be taken to rectify the situation, and to submit relevant information and documentation.

Let the matter be listed again on 09.04.2026.

Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice