



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPPIL No. 38 of 2025

In The Matter Of Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation Regarding News Item
Publised In English News Paper Daily, The Hitavada, Dated 22.03.2025,
Namely, Inter - State Bus Stand Lies Unused, Turns Into Den For Miscreants

... Petitioner(s)

versus

- 1** - The State Of Chhattisgarh Through Chief Secretary, Mahanadi Bhawan,
Atal Nagar, Nawa Raipur, (C.G.)
- 2** - Secretary Urban Administration And Development (Uad), Mahanadi
Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nawa Raipur, (C.G.)
- 3** - The Collector Kondagaon, District Kondagaon (C.G.)
- 4** - Superintendent Of Police District Kondagaon (C.G.)
- 5** - Chief Municipal Officer Municipal Corporation, Kondagaon, District
Kondagaon (C.G.)

... Respondent(s)

**Order-Sheet**

22/03/2025	This is an office reference. Heard Mr. Shashank Thakur, learned Deputy Advocate General for the State/respondents No. 1 to 4 as well as Mr. Manas Vajpai, on behalf of Mr. Sandeep Dubey, learned counsel for the respondent No. 5. This suo moto public interest litigation petition has been registered on the basis of a news item reported in "The Hitvada" with a heading '<i>Inter-state bus stand lies unused, turns into den for miscreants</i>' and sub-heading '<i>concerned residents urged the administration to begin bus services or install cameras</i>'. The aforesaid news report goes to state that an inter-state bus stand constructed at a cost of Rs. 6.51 crores at Kondagaon has remained non-operational for the last two years. The said bus stand is being misused and neglected and the said place has become a safe haven for the anti-social elements where all sorts of illegal activities are being carried out such as consumption of alcohol, performing stunts and hooliganism. The said building has started to deteriorate because of absence of maintenance and the same is lying unused. It has further been reported that the said bus stand is having a large display screen but because of lack of CCTV surveillance, it is



encouraging the miscreants to do all sorts of antisocial and illegal activities in the premises. The local residents have urged the Administration to install CCTV cameras or to depute some person for taking care of the building.

The version of the Chief Municipal Officer, Kondagaon has also been published wherein he states that efforts would be made to start operations in the said bus terminal at the earliest.

The indifferent attitude of the District Administration towards the said bus stand would turn the said premises into a den for criminal activities and again the State would have to incur huge amount towards its repairs and maintenance. When the State has incurred such a heavy amount for construction of the bus stand, what has prevented from making the bus stand functional, is beyond understanding.

Mr. Thakur submits that since the said bus stand is in the outskirts of the city, the same is not being utilized. He has produced some photographs of the said place taken today and submits that a meeting of the stakeholders has been held for doing the needful.

The Secretary, Urban Administration & Development Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, is directed to file his personal affidavit with respect to the aforesaid news item as to why the bus stand has been left to be a neglected and deserted place, and



shall also indicate as to what steps he has taken to make the said bus stand functional.

Learned counsel for the respondent No. 5 is also directed to seek instructions and file his response before the next date of hearing.

Let this matter be listed on **16th April, 2025**.

Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
JUDGE

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
CHIEF JUSTICE