

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****WPPIL No. 38 of 2025**

In The Matter Of Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation

Versus

The State Of Chhattisgarh & Others

Order Sheet

16/04/2025	Proceedings of this matter have been taken through Video Conferencing. 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. Sandeep Dubey, learned counsel for the respondent No. 5. On the last date of hearing i.e. on 22.03.2025, the Secretary, Urban Administration and Development Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, was directed to file his personal affidavit with respect to the news item published on 22.03.2025 in 'The Hitvada'. The respondent No. 5 was also directed to seek



instructions and file its response.

Pursuant to the aforesaid order, the affidavit has been filed by the Secretary concerned, the relevant portion of which reads as under:

"3. That, it is most respectfully submitted that a new bus stand building has been constructed with an estimate cost of Rs. 6 Crores, 53 Lakhs and 08 thousand in Gram Panchayat Chilkhalputti, Kondagaon. It is most respectfully submitted that taking note of the fact that after handing over of the said bus stand building the same was not made functional, the Collector, Kondagaon directed the authorities to take steps for ensuring that the new bus stand is made functional and on the basis of the said directions a meeting of the stakeholders (ie. the owners and booking agents, RTO officials and officials of the Municipal Council, Kondagaon) was held on 19.03.2025 and in the said meeting it was decided that all the buses plying in the area will have a stoppage in the new bus stand. A copy of the minutes of the meeting dated 19.03.2025 is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE A 1. That pursuant to the meeting dated 19.03.2025 the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Kondagaon with a request to the SDO Police, Traffic In charge, District Municipal Officer, Chief Municipal Officer of Kondagaon to ensure that buses plying from Jagdalpur to Raipur and Raipur to Jagdalpur have a stoppage in the new bus stand. A copy of the



letter dated 19.03.2025 is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE A-2.

4. That, that deponent submits that again a meeting was convened on 24.03.2025 which was presided by Sub Divisional Officer, Kondagaon and the same was attended by Bus operators and the officials of the Municipality, wherein again it was decided to give a halt of the bus plying in the above mentioned route in the new bus stand and further to make appropriate arrangements of drinking water, electricity and light in the new bus stand. A copy of the minutes of the meeting dated 24.03.2025 is being annexed herewith as ANNEXURE A-3.

5. That, the District Transport officer, Kondagaon vide is letter dated 24.03.2025 made a request to all the bus operators to ensure that all the buses passing through the District Kondagaon should have a halt/stoppage in the new bus stand mandatorily. Similarly the same request was reiterated by the Chief Municipal Counsel, Kondagaon Copies of the letter dated 24.03.2025 and the copy of the request are being collectively annexed herewith as ANNEXURE A-4.

6. It is further submitted that vide letter dated 25.03.2025, the Chief Municipal Officer made a request to all the operator to ensure that the buses plying in the night have their stoppage in the inter-state bus stand, Kondagaon. A copy of the letter dated 25.03.2025 is annexed herewith as



ANNEXURE A-5. That, in order to ensure that the entire bus stand premises is clean and hygienic and to look after the buildings and the assets, three employees were posted by the Chief Municipal Officer in the new bus stand vide order dated 24.03.2025. A copy of the order dated 24.03.2025 is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE A-6.

7. That, taking into account that the bus stand is situated at some distance from Kondagaon township and there are security concerns in the area, the Superintendent of Police Kondagaon, directed the SHO of Police Station Kondagaon that the Police Patrolling party should keep a vigil and perform patrolling in the area, by order dated 20.03.2025. A copy of the order dated 20.03.2025 is being filed and annexed herewith as ANNEXURE A-7.

8. That, it is further submitted that the Collector on 27.03.2025 constituted a four member committee to inspect and give a report on the basic facilities and the shortcomings in the new bus stand and further to take steps that the new bus stand is fully functional. A copy of the order dated 27.03.2025 is being filed and annexed herewith as ANNEXURE A-8.

9. That, the deponent submits that the shops constructed in the new bus stand campus were allotted to the various interested persons by the way of auction. Further the allottees inspite of the



allotment were not opening the shops hence the Chief Municipal Officer has directed all the allottees of the shops to open their respective shops so that the basic amenities are available to the passengers. A copy of the notice issued to the allottees is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE A-9.

10. That, it is further most respectfully submitted that CCTV cameras have been installed in the entire campus of the bus stand and the entire area is under CCTV surveillance. As the new bus stand has been made functional and the buses are continuously and regularly stopping in the new bus stand and it is expected that very soon all the shops would be open so that there would be no difficulty to the passengers and public at large. It is further submitted that a copy of the photographs of the new bus stand is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE A-10. It is submitted that the Government of Chhattisgarh and its officers especially officers of the District Administration Kondagaon are ensuring that the newly constructed bus stand is fully functional.”

Return has been filed by the respondent No. 5-Chief Municipal Officer, Municipal Council, Kondagaon, the relevant portion of which reads as under:

“3 That, in compliance of the order dated 22.03.2025 passed by this Hon'ble Court, the meeting was held on 24.03.2025 by the Sub Divisional Office (R), Kondagaon, in presence of the Chief Municipal Officer,



Municipal Council Kondagaon, Bus Operators and ticket collectors, thereafter they all are agreed to operate Bus from New Inter-state bus stand with providing certain facilities like water, electricity and CCTV cameras. A copy of meeting dt. 24.03.2025 is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE-R-5/1.

4. That, on same day the Chief Municipal Officer issued letters to all shop owners who allotted the shop at Inter-state bus stand Kondagaon and directed to run the shop as per allotment. A copy of letter dt. 24.03 2025 are collectively annexed herewith as ANNEXURE-R-5/2.

5. That, the Chief Municipal Officer assigned duty for cleaning to placement employees at New Inter-state bus stand on 24.03 2025 for running the new Inter-state bus stand. A copy of order dated 24.03.2025 is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE-R-5/3.

6. That, the Superintendent of Police District Kondagaon its vide letter dt. 26.03.2025 directed to Station House Officer Kondagaon to ensure to running the Buses from New Inter-state bus stand and also directed for patrolling and night combing should be done at Inter-state bus stand Kondagaon area so the Inter-state bus stand would be operational A copy of letter dt. 26.03.2025 is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE-R-5/4.

7. That, in view of the above directions, the buses are started running and Inter-state bus stand Kondagaon are functioning, in this regard the news are also published in the News Papers that, Inter-state bus stand is operational. A copy of the paper cuttings and photographs are collectively annexed herewith as ANNEXURE R-5/5.”



From perusal of the above affidavit, it transpires that the bus stand in question has now been made functional and CCTV cameras have also been installed so as to curb the antisocial activities which was earlier going on in the said premises.

Let this matter be listed for further monitoring on **21st July, 2025.**

Sd/-
(Arvind Kumar Verma)
JUDGE

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
CHIEF JUSTICE

Amit