

**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****Order Sheet**

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| <b>22/01/2026</b> | <p>This is an office reference.</p> <p>Heard Mr. Shashank Thakur, learned Additional Advocate General, appearing for the State/Respondent No.1 to 4. Mr. Atanu Ghosh, learned counsel appearing for the Chief Municipal Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Kharora. Mr. Pragalbha Sharma, learned Court Commissioner.</p> <p>A report has been submitted by Mr. Pragalbha Sharma, learned Court Commissioner, regarding the steps taken by the District Administration Department and the Nagar Panchayat, Kharora, with respect to verification of</p> |



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|  | <p>the affidavit and the measures adopted for upgrading basic amenities for passengers at the bus stand, including immediate measures for cleanliness, filling of potholes to prevent water logging, electrification, and provision of hygienic drinking water to the passengers/commuters of the bus stand in question.</p> <p>As per the report, it transpires that although the waiting area for passengers was found to be clean and equipped with lights, but no fans were installed. It was further found that temporary steel railings had been installed at the entrance of the waiting area to prevent cattle from entering the bus stand. It was also observed that the male and female washrooms, which were constructed earlier, were found to be clean, usable, and equipped with water supply. However, drinking water was not available in the waiting area, and neither a water cooler nor a water dispenser was available for the passengers/commuters. It was further reported that a temporary drainage line has been constructed, for which budgetary approval has also been sought.</p> <p>Mr. Atanu Ghosh, learned Chief Municipal Officer,</p> |
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| Alok                                             | <p>Nagar Panchayat, Kharora, submits that the tender process for the temporary drainage line is in progress. He further submits that, with regard to the provision of drinking water and installation of fans, allocation of funds is required, and necessary steps are being taken, as reflected in the earlier order. However, considering the fact that the bus stand in question is a public place and that basic amenities are required to be provided by the Municipal Corporation.</p> <p>A fresh affidavit shall be filed by the Chief Municipal Officer, Nagar Panchayat, regarding the deficiencies which have been pointed out in the report of the learned Court Commissioner.</p> <p>List this case on <b>9th March, 2026.</b></p> <p>The name of Mr. Pragalbha Sharma, learned Court Commissioner, be published in the cause list.</p> <table><tr><td data-bbox="478 1568 1037 1747">Sd/-<br/><b>(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)</b><br/>Judge</td><td data-bbox="1037 1568 1370 1747">Sd/-<br/><b>(Ramesh Sinha)</b><br/>Chief Justice</td></tr></table> | Sd/-<br><b>(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)</b><br>Judge | Sd/-<br><b>(Ramesh Sinha)</b><br>Chief Justice |
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