



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

19/09/2025	This is an office reference. Heard Mr. Prafull N Bharat, Advocate General assisted by Mr. Shashank Thakur, learned Deputy Advocate General for the State/respondent No. 1 to 4 and Mr. Sandeep Dubey, learned counsel for the respondent No. 5. On the last date of hearing i.e. on 11.09.2025, this matter was directed to be listed on 29.10.2025, however, as a news report has been published in English Daily, 'The Hitvada' on 19.09.2025, with a heading '<i>Bus stand named after martyr in shambles!</i>', the matter has been taken up today. The aforesaid news report goes to state that Shaheed



	Khilanand Sahu Bus Stand under Kharora Nagar Panchayat limits, one of the main transportation points in the region, presents a grim picture of neglect. Despite being named after a martyr, the bus stand has no lighting, inadequate seating, frequent waterlogging, poor sanitation and filth spread across its premises. Hundreds of passengers travel through the said bus stand daily as buses from various routes halt, yet the condition remains deplorable. According to the locals, the sight leaves even visitors with a poor impression of Kharora. The place meant to honour a martyr now stands as a matter of embarrassment. Local people had been requesting the authorities of the Nagar Panchayat for immediate repairs but of no avail. Learned Advocate General appearing for the State/respondents No. 1 to 4 submits that the Nagar Panchayat, Kharora has passed a resolution on 11.08.2025 for the renovation/beautification of the bus stand but because of the rainy season, the work could not be started. The Collector / District Magistrate, Raipur, as well as the Chief Municipal Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Kharora, are directed to file their personal affidavits with respect to the above news item and put forth the steps taken by them with respect to renovation / beautification of the bus stand so that the passengers / commuters
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may not have to face any inconvenience in using the bus stand and no untoward incident occurs because of any dilapidated structure, water logging, absence of proper cleaning, sanitation and lighting.

List this case on **24th September, 2025.**

Sd/-
(Bibhu Datta Guru)
JUDGE

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
CHIEF JUSTICE