

**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

24/09/2025	This is an office reference. Heard Mr.Shashank Thakur, learned Deputy Advocate General appearing for respondents No.1 to 4/State, Ms.Jyoti Chandravanshi, learned counsel holding the brief of Mr.Sandeep Dubey, learned counsel appearing for respondent No.5 and Mr.Atanu Ghosh, learned counsel appearing for Chief Municipal Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Kharora. In compliance of the Court's order dated 19.09.2025, the Collector, Raipur has filed his personal



affidavit which is reproduced hereinbelow:-

"1. That, the Hon'ble Court in the present PIL No. 38 of 2025 has connected one news item published in English news paper "The Hitvada", Dated 19.09.2025 with a heading "Bus stand named after martyr in Shambles!". The news items highlighted on the poor condition of the bus stand in Kharora which is named after Shaheed Khilanand Sahu. That, taking cognizance of the above mentioned news item the Hon'ble Court on 19.09.2025 was pleased to direct the deponent to file his personal affidavit with respect to the above mentioned news items and demonstrating the steps taken for renovation/beautification of the bus stand so that the passenger/commuters may not have to face any inconvenience.

2. That, at the outset the deponent most respectfully submits that he has the highest regard and great respect of the lawful authority of the Hon'ble Court and it's orders, directions and instructions issued by this Hon'ble Court from time to time.

3. That, the deponent respectfully submits that the bus stand in Nagar Panchayat Kharora was constructed in the year 2007



	and the same has been named after martyr Khilanand Sahu. It has submitted that the Nagar Panchayat Kharora in its meeting held on 11.08.2025 passed a resolution for beautification/renovation of the bus stand. 4. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that pursuant to the cognizance taken by this court necessary instructions were issued to the officers of the District Administration and the officers of the District Administration alongwith officers of the Nagar Panchayat Kharora have taken immediate measures for cleanliness, filling up of the holes, so that there is no water logging, electrification and for providing hygienic drinking water to the passengers/commuters. It is submitted that The Chief Municipal Officer, Nagar Panchayat Kharora vide his letter dated 22.09.2025 has reported that necessary steps for the above said work have been undertaken and proper lighting of the entire bus stand campus has been done, provision for safe and hygienic drinking water for the passengers, measures with respect to the cleanliness and disposal of wastage have been taken and further white-washing of the
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waiting hall and proper seating arrangements for the passengers have been made. Copy of the report dated 22.09.2025 is annexed herewith as **ANNEXURE A/1**.

5. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that in order to demonstrate the above mentioned facts the photographs of the position of the bus stand prior to the said work and after the work are annexed herewith as **ANNEXURE A/2**.

6. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that the corrective measures taken by the officers of the District Administration and the Nagar Panchayat have been reported in some of the news papers. A copy of the newspaper clippings has also annexed herewith as **ANNEXURE A/3**.

7. That, the deponent most respectfully submitted that the official of the Nagar Panchayat, Kharora as the official of the district administration of locality have been directed to ensure that the bus stand campus is kept clean and there is proper lighting and other basic facilities are being provided to the public at large.

8. That, the above submissions and documents may kindly be taken on records



of the case.”

In compliance of the Court's order dated 19.09.2025, the Chief Municipal Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Kharora has filed his personal affidavit which is reproduced hereinbelow:-

“1. That, taking cognizance of the news item published in "The Hitvada", Dated 19.09.2025 with respect to condition of the Bus Stand in Kharora. The Hon'ble Court was pleased to direct the District Magistrate and the Chief Municipal Officer to file their respective affidavit indicating the steps under taken for providing basic amenities to the passengers.

2. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that the General Body of the Nagar Panchayat, Kharora vide its resolution dated 11.08.2025 resolved to undertake the works for beautification/renovation of the Shaheed Khilanand Sahu Pratiksha Bus Stand. Copy of the resolution passed by the Nagar Panchayat Kahroraon 11.08.2025 is annexed herewith as **ANNEXURE A/1**.

3. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that pursuant to the above



	mentioned resolution after preparation of the estimate for beautification/renovation of the bus stand a request has been made to the Department of Urban Administration and Development, Government of Chhattisgarh for providing technical sanction for an amount of Rs. 91.59 lakhs, vide letter dated 19.09.2025. Copy of the letter dated 19.09.2025 alongwith estimate for renovation and beautification are collectively annexed herewith as <u>ANNEXURE A/2.</u> 4. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that the Department of Urban Administration and Development, Government of Chhattisgarh vide its order dated 14.08.2025 which has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 9.85 lakhs for installation of bust statue of Martyr Khilanand Sahu and construction of memorial in the bus stand premises. That, pursuant to the above mentioned sanction after completion of the necessary formalities work order have been issued to construction agency on 16.08.2025 for the above mentioned work and the work is in progress. Copy of the work order and the photographs of the spot are collectively annexed herewith as <u>ANNEXURE A/3.</u>
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	5. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that the District Administration Department and the Nagar Panchayat Kharora has taken immediate steps for providing basic amenities to the passenger in the bus stand and immediate measures for cleanliness, filling up of the holes, so that there is no water logging, electrification and for providing hygienic drinking water to the passengers/commuters. 6. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that since, a request has been made to the Departments for sanctioning 91.59 lakhs for beautification and renovation of the bus stand as per the estimate once, the above mentioned amount is sanctioned by the Department, necessary works would be undertaken by the Nagar Panchayt Kharora. 7. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that the Nagar Panchayat Kharora is taking every steps to ensure that the bus stand which has been named after Martyr Khilanand Sahu is maintained and basic amenities are provided to the commuters/passengers. 8. That, the above submissions and documents may kindly be taken on records
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	of the case.” From perusal of affidavit of the Chief Municipal Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Kharora, it transpires that the Department of Urban Administration and Development, Government of Chhattisgarh vide its order dated 14.08.2025 has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 9.85 lakhs for installation of bust statue of Martyr Khilanand Sahu and construction of memorial in the bus stand premises. Pursuant to the above mentioned sanction after completion of the necessary formalities work order have been issued to construction agency on 16.08.2025 for the above mentioned work and the work is in progress. It further transpires that the District Administration Department and the Nagar Panchayat Kharora has taken immediate steps for providing basic amenities to the passenger in the bus stand and immediate measures for cleanliness, filling up of the holes, so that there is no water logging, electrification and for providing hygienic drinking water to the passengers/commuters. It also transpires that since, a
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	request has been made to the Departments for sanctioning 91.59 lakhs for beautification and renovation of the bus stand as per the estimate once, the above mentioned amount has been sanctioned by the Department and necessary works would be undertaken by the Nagar Panchayt Kharora. The Nagar Panchayat Kharora is taking every steps to ensure that the bus stand which has been named after Martyr Khilanand Sahu is maintained and basic amenities are provided to the commuters/passengers. In that view of the matter, let the matter be listed again for further monitoring on 3rd November, 2025. Sd/- (Bibhu Datta Guru) Judge Sd/- (Ramesh Sinha) Chief Justice
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