

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

IN THE MATTER OF SUO MOTO PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION

versus

THE STATE OF CHHATTISGARH & ORS

17/11/2025	Heard Mr. Shashank Thakur, learned Dy. Advocate General for the State/respondent Nos.1 to 4. Mr. Atanu Ghosh, learned counsel appearing for Chief Municipal Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Kharora. Mr. Manas Bajpai, learned counsel for the respondent No.5. In compliance of the Court's order dated 03.11.2025, the Chief Municipal Officer, Kharora, District Raipur, C.G. has filed his personal affidavit on 14.11.2025, the relevant portion of the same is reproduced hereinbelow: <i>"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.</i>



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

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.

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, on 03.11.2025, the case was again listed before the Hon'ble Court for the further monitoring and the Hon'ble Court has directed to file a fresh affidavit of the Chief Municipal Officer, Kharora to show the present situation of the bus stand. In



this regard it is humbly submitted that the construction work which has been initiated in the month of September 2025 is on progress. A copy of the relevant photographs is being filed herewith as ANNEXURE A/4. Moreover, the facilities of washroom for the passengers is also well maintained, water supply and the sanitary and cleanliness of the bus stand styled in the name of Martyr Khilanand Sahu is also being maintained continuously. Copies of relevant photographs are being annexed herewith as ANNEXURE A/5. That, the electricity and lighting facilities are also being maintained by it. Copy of photographs showcasing the same is also being annexed herewith as ANNEXURE A/6.

9. That, it is pertinent to mention here that after the cognizance taken up by this Hon'ble Court the mismanagement of the bus stand has been rectified at the level of Municipal Office, Kharora. Earlier, one request has been sent to the Department of Urban Administration and Development, Government of Chhattisgarh for providing technical sanction for an amount of Rs. 91.59 lakhs for the beautification/renovation



of the bus stand and the Municipal Corporation is trying their level best to get the sanction.”

From perusal of above affidavit, would goes to show that the bus stand which was deserted and has no facilities which was named after Martyr Khilanand Sahu, is now been maintained with all basic amenities to the commuters/passengers. Further, certain photographs have also been annexed with the affidavit, which demonstrate that the facilities of washroom for the passengers has been done. Further, the Nagar Panchayat Kharora has sought funds from the Department of Urban Administration and Development, Government of Chhattisgarh, for further beautification and renovation of the Shaheed Khilanand Sahu Pratiksha Bus Stand.

Considering the fact that the said bus stand has now been equipped with all basic amenities, we deem it appropriate to appoint Shri Pragalbha Sharma, Advocate, as Court Commissioner to visit the said bus stand and submit a report. For this purpose, he shall be paid Rs. 5,000/- by the Nagar Panchayat Kharora.

List the case on 12/12/2025

SD/-

(Bibhu Datta Guru)
Judge

SD/-

(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice

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Sourabh