

**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

20/11/2025	This is an office reference. Heard Mr. Shashank Thakur, learned Deputy Advocate General for the State/respondent No. 1 to 4 and Mr. Sandeep Dubey and Mr. Manas Vajpai, learned counsel for the respondent No. 5. On the last date of hearing i.e. on 17.11.2025, this Court had directed this matter to be listed on 12.12.2025, however, since a news report has been published in English Daily, The Hitvada, Chhattisgarh, with a heading 'New bus stand falls into ruins; animals, miscreants take over premises', the matter was directed to be listed today. The aforesaid news report goes to state that the new bus stand of Pandariya, District Kabirdham, which was constructed



some 20 years ago, has deteriorated to the point of becoming unusable, long before it could formally begin operations. The complex, engulfed in stench and filth, has turned into a haven for animals and anti-social elements, making it difficult for passengers even to step inside. Cattle occupy the premises throughout the day, and the lack of cleaning for several months has left the area littered with dung and urine. Empty liquor bottles, plastic disposables and waste are scattered across the premises, as alcohol consumption reportedly continues from early morning until late night Locals allege that the area is also being misused as an open toilet. Despite repeated complaints, the local administration has reportedly failed to ensure cleanliness or security. The upper floors have also been taken over by anti-social elements. The windows installed there were broken and stolen, including the bars, glass and frames. Now even bricks are reportedly disappearing from the walls. Passengers avoid entering the bus stand because of the filth and the free movement of animals. Bus operators say this has directly affected the stand's business, even as around seven inter-State buses pass through the town daily and footfall continues to rise.

As per the aforesaid news report, basic facilities are almost non-existent. There is no drinking water available; the two hand pumps inside the premises go dry during summer. Due to the



Amit	absence of functional toilets, passengers, especially women, face serious inconvenience. A water ATM worth Rs. 10 lakh remains defunct even after six to seven years. Structural damage has worsened over time. Cement continues to fall from the roofs and balconies, iron rods are exposed, and portions of the structure appear on the verge of collapse. Interior doors, floors and rooms have also become severely dilapidated. Locals fear that a major accident could occur at any time. The version of the Chief Municipal Officer, Pandariya, has also been published who stated that the bus stand has become quite dilapidated and a proposal for a new bus stand is being prepared. The new bus stand will be constructed after receiving government approval. In view of the above, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the Chief Municipal Officer, Nagar Palika Parishad, Pandariya, District Kabirdham, to file his personal affidavit with respect to the above news report before the next date of hearing. Let this matter be listed again in the next week. Sd/- (Bibhu Datta Guru) JUDGE Sd/- (Ramesh Sinha) CHIEF JUSTICE
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