



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

27.11.2025	This is an office reference. Heard Mr. Shashank Thakur, learned Deputy Advocate General, appearing for the State/respondents No.1 to 4. In compliance of the Court's order dated 20.11.2025, the Chief Municipal Officer, Nagar Palika Pandariya, District Kabirdham, Chhattisgarh has filed his personal affidavit, relevant portion of which reads as follows for ready reference :-



	<i>"2. That, taking cognizance of the news item published in "The Hitvada", Dated 20.11.2025 titled as "New bus stand falls into ruins; animals, miscreants take over premises". The Hon'ble Court was pleased to direct the Chief Municipal Officer, Nagar Palika, Pandariya, District- Kabirdham to file his personal affidavit with respect to the news report.</i> <i>3. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that the bus stand building was constructed 20 years back and it comprises a waiting hall, toilet and open space, some shops have also been constructed in the premises. It is most respectfully submitted with the passage of time the waiting hall area and the structure above it has deteriorated and is unusable, the building is in dilapidated and poor condition and the same is not in use.</i> <i>4. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that taking into account the poor condition of the said building the President in Council, Nagar Palika Parishad, Pandariya, District- Kabirdham vide its resolution dated 26.09.2025 was pleased to resolve to dismantle/demolish some buildings which are dilapidated and not fit for use and it includes building of the new bus stand situated in ward no. 11, Pandariya. Copy of the resolution passed by the President in Council dated 26.09.2025 is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/1.</i>
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5. It is further respectfully submitted that pursuant to the above stated resolution the Chief Municipal Officer, Nagar Palika Parishad, Pandariya, vide its letter dated 19.11.2025 made a request to the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department to provide a no objection certificate for dismantling of the said building. That, in response to the above made request, the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division- Kabirdham 20.11.2025 granted the NOC for dismantling the subject building. Copies of the letter dated 19.11.2025 and 20.11.2025 are annexed herewith collectively ANNEXURE D/2.

6. It is submitted that the entry to the said building has been closed and barricades and chain link fencing has been done so that no human being and animals can enter the building. Copies of the photographs demonstrating the same is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/3.

7. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that since, some shops are situated in the area adjoining the bus stand building, the demolishing/dismantling of the building cannot be done hence, the dismantling drive will be under taken only after the shops vacant by the respective shopkeepers.

8. It is most respectfully submitted that the water ATM installed in the bus stand premises is fully functional and further the



toilets are functional as well and they are regularly cleaned and hygiene is maintained and the same is being taken care of by an agency. Copy of the photographs of the water ATM and toilet are being annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/4."

From perusal of the aforesaid affidavit, it transpires that the new bus stand building at Pandariya was constructed nearly two decades ago and comprises a waiting hall, toilets, open space, and certain shops. Over time, the waiting hall and the structure above it have deteriorated to the extent that the building has become dilapidated, unsafe, and unusable. The affidavit further indicates that the President-in-Council of Nagar Palika Parishad, Pandariya, vide resolution dated 26.09.2025, resolved to dismantle buildings found to be dangerous and unfit for public use, including the said bus stand in Ward No. 11.

Pursuant to the said resolution, the Chief Municipal Officer sought a No-Objection Certificate from the Public Works Department, which was granted



on 20.11.2025. It also emerges that access to the building has been sealed by installing barricades and chain-link fencing so as to prevent entry of persons and animals. Since certain shops are situated adjacent to the structure, dismantling can commence only upon their vacation by the respective shopkeepers.

The affidavit also clarifies that the water ATM and toilet facilities within the premises are fully functional and are being regularly maintained by the engaged agency.

Having considered the submissions advanced by learned State counsel and upon a thorough perusal of the affidavit placed on record, it appears that certain steps have been initiated by the municipal authorities; however, the process is yet to attain finality, particularly in view of the adjoining shops that are required to be vacated before the dismantling operation can commence. In order to ensure that the action proposed by the authorities is carried to its logical conclusion and that the condition of the premises continues to be



monitored effectively, we deem it appropriate to keep the matter under further supervision of this Court.

Accordingly, let the matter be listed for further monitoring in the third week of January, 2026.

Sd/-
(Bibhu Datta Guru)
Judge

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice

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