

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****WPC No. 1480 of 2026****MOHAMMED ZUBAIR MEMON versus STATE OF CHHATTISGARH****Order Sheet**

<b><u>01/04/2026</u></b>	<p>Mr. Jai Prakash Shukla, Advocate for the petitioner.</p> <p>Mr. Praveen Das, Additional Advocate General for the respondents No. 1 to 4/State.</p> <p>Mr. Pankaj Agrawal, Advocate for the respondent No. 5.</p> <p>Learned counsel for respondent No. 5 prays for and is granted one week's time to file reply.</p> <p>Learned counsel for the petitioner is granted one week's time thereafter to file rejoinder, if any.</p> <p>On due consideration of the submissions made and on perusal of the record, this Court finds that the petitioner has challenged (i) the cancellation of earlier NIT dated 02.01.2026, in which the petitioner was declared L-1 bidder, and (ii) issuance of fresh NIT dated 20.03.2026 for the very same work.</p> <p>It is contended that the impugned cancellation has been</p>
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carried out without assigning any reason and without affording opportunity of hearing that too after opening the financial bid of the petitioner, and further that the same has been done by the Chief Municipal Officer without jurisdiction, as per the governing statutory and administrative framework.

Prima facie, the submission of the petitioner raises arguable issues with regard to violation of principles of natural justice, competence of the authority, and fairness in public procurement process. It is also noticeable that the fresh NIT pertains to the same subject work, which, if allowed to proceed, may render the present petition infructuous.

Considering the prima facie case, balance of convenience, and the likelihood of irreparable injury to the petitioner in the event the fresh tender process is carried forward, this Court deems it appropriate to protect the subject matter of the petition till the next date of hearing.

Accordingly, till the next date of hearing, the operation and further proceedings pursuant to the fresh NIT dated 20.03.2026 shall remain kept in abeyance.

List this matter on **22.04.2026**.

Sd/-  
**(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)**  
Judge

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**(Ramesh Sinha)**  
Chief Justice