

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****WPS No. 4177 of 2022****RAJESH KUMAR MANDLE *versus* STATE OF CHHATTISGARH****Order Sheet**

04/02/2026	Mr. Aakash Kumar Kundu, learned Advocate for the petitioner. Mr. Rajkuamr Gupta, Additional Advocate General and Mr. Mayur Khandelwal, Panel Lawyer for the State. On 23.06.2022, this writ petition was admitted and three weeks' time was granted to the respondents to file reply. The matter could not be listed thereafter and on 16.10.2025, this Court directed that pleadings be completed within a period of six weeks' and posted the matter on 15.12.2025. As the reply could not be filed till 15th of December, 2025, this Court further directed that reply be filed on behalf of the respondents positively within a period of six weeks, failing which the respondent No. 2 was
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directed to appear before this Court through Video Conferencing at 2.30 P.M on. today.

As the reply on behalf of the respondents still not filed till now, therefore, Mr. Vivek Acharya, Director, directorate of Culture and Archeology, MGM Museum, Raipur (C.G.), respondent No. 2 herein appeared through video Conferencing and submits that the order dated. 15.12.2025 was not within his knowledge.

Learned Additional Advocate General submits that the order dated 15.12.2025 was communicated to respondent No. 1 and respondent No. 2 on 16-17.12.2025.

Let this case be listed again tomorrow i.e. 05.02.2026. On that day i.e. 05.02.2026, respondent No. 2 shall appear before this Court through Video Conferencing at 2.30 P.M. and inform this Court whether a communication dated 16-17.12.2025 sent by the Office of Advocate General has been received to his office or not.

Sd/-

(Sachin Singh Rajput)

Judge