



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

Order Sheet

WPC No. 2042 of 2026

Smt. Padma Bai Patel W/o Late Rameshwar Patel Aged About 70 Years R/o Village Salar, Tehsil Sarangarh, District Sarangarh-Bilaigarh Chhattisgarh, Presently R/o Village Rengalmuda, Gram Panchayat Baigindeeh, Tehsil Sarangarh, District Sarangarh-Bilaigarh Chhattisgarh

... Petitioner

versus

1 - The State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Department Of Forest And Climate Change, Mahanadi Bhavan, Mantralaya, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh

2 - The State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Department Of Panchayat And Rural Development, Mahanadi Bhavan, Mantralaya, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh

3 - The State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Department Of Revenue And Disaster Management, Mahanadi Bhavan, Mantralaya, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh

4 - The Principle Chief Conservator Of Forest Of Chhattisgarh Aranayan Bhavan, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh

5 - The Chief Conservator Of Forest Bilaspur Circle, District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh

6 - The Divisional Forest Officer Sarangarh-Bilaigarh Division, District Sarangarh-Bilaigarh Chhattisgarh

7 - The Incharge Forest Circle Officer Gomarda Wild Life Sanctuary Sarangarh, District Sarangarh-Bilaigarh Chhattisgarh

8 - The Forest Compound Guard Kanakbeera, Tehsil Sarangarh, District Sarangarh-Bilaigarh Chhattisgarh

9 - The Collector District Sarangarh-Bilaigarh Chhattisgarh

10 - The Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue) Sarangarh, District Sarangarh-Bilaigarh Chhattisgarh

11 - The Tahsildar, Sarangarh District Sarangarh-Bilaigarh Chhattisgarh

12 - Jila Panchayat, Sarangarh-Bilaigarh Through Its Chief Executive Officer, District Sarangarh-Bilaigarh Chhattisgarh

13 - Janpad Panchayat, Sarangarh-Bilaigarh Through Its Chief Executive Officer, District Sarangarh-Bilaigarh Chhattisgarh

... Respondents

25/04/2026	<p>Mr. Roop Ram Naik, counsel for the petitioner.</p> <p>Mr. Sabyasachi Choubey, GA for the State/Respondents No.1 to 11.</p> <p>Heard on I.A. No.03/2026, application for grant of interim relief.</p> <p>Learned State counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 11, therefore, issuance of notice to respondents No.1 to 11 stands dispensed with.</p>

Issue notice to respondent No.12 & 13 on payment of process fee within a week from today.

Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner who is 70-year-old widow lady is challenging the impugned order dated 23.04.2026 (Annexure P-1) issued by respondent No.6-Divisional Forest Officer, Sarangarh-Bilaigarh Division, which directs the petitioner to remove her house within 24 hours. Therefore, it is prayed that kindly be pleased to allow the instant application and direct the respondent No.6 to not demolish the house of the petitioner and stay the operation and execution of the impugned order dated 23.04.2026 (Annexure P-1) till final decision of the case.

Learned State counsel opposes the submission made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the material available on record.

Considered the facts and submissions advanced by learned counsel for the parties.

Since the matter relates to demolition of home where the petitioner is residing with her family. Therefore, purely as an interim measure, the effect and operation of impugned order dated 23.04.2026 (Annexure P-1) issued by respondent No.6-Divisional Forest Officer, Sarangarh-Bilaigarh Division, District Sarangarh-Bilaigarh (C.G.) shall remain stayed till the

next date of hearing, so far as it relates to the petitioner only. Further, respondent No.6 is directed that he shall not take any coercive steps against the petitioner including removal of encroachment till the next date of hearing.

List this case on **04.05.2026**.

Sd/-
(Amitendra Kishore Prasad)
Judge