

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****WPC No. 2173 of 2026****VIKAS SONI *versus* STATE OF CHHATTISGARH****Order Sheet**

01/05/2026	Mr. Prateek Sharma, Counsel for the petitioner. Mr. K.A. Ansari, Senior Advocate appears along with Mr. Vipra Sen Agrawal, Counsel for the respondent No. 5/ Caveator. Mr. Shobhit Mishra, Dy. G.A. for the State. Heard. Learned Senior counsel appearing for Respondent No.5 submits that though a caveat had already been filed on behalf of Respondent No.5, however, his name was not reflected in the cause list and, therefore, he could not get knowledge of the listing of the present case. It is further submitted that today only, a copy of the petition has been supplied to him
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and, therefore, he prays for reasonable time to file reply in the matter.

Considering the aforesaid submission and on perusal of the record, this Court finds that the matter requires consideration after affording an opportunity to the respondents to file their reply.

It is also brought to the notice of this Court that vide notice dated 23.04.2026 issued by the concerned Tehsildar, demolition/eviction has been directed to be carried out on 04.05.2026 for removal of the alleged encroachment from the subject land.

In the facts and circumstances of the case, particularly considering the imminent threat of demolition, purely as an interim measure, it is directed that the effect and operation of the notice dated 23.04.2026 shall remain stayed till the next date of hearing. It is made clear that this interim protection is subject to the petitioner cooperating in the proceedings and shall not create any equity in favour of the petitioner.



Vishakha	List the matter on 05.05.2026. In the meanwhile, learned counsel for the respondents may file their reply. It is further directed that the Registry shall reflect/publish the name of learned counsel appearing for Respondent No.5 in the cause list on the next date of hearing and in all subsequent listings of the case. sd/- (Amitendra Kishore Prasad) Judge
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