



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPIL No. 28 of 2026

NEELESH BISWAS

versus

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH AND OTHERS

Order Sheet

08/05/2026	Heard Mr. Swayam Tehanguria, learned counsel for the petitioner. Also heard Mr. Praveen Das, learned Additional Advocate General, appearing for the respondent/State. The present PIL has been filed with the following prayer as under: “10.1 That, the Hon'ble Court may kindly be pleased to direct the respondents to construct an all-weather road connecting villages Parsapani and Bagla Bhata to the

Bilaspur-Marwahi bypass road.

10.2 That, the Hon'ble Court may kindly be pleased to direct construction of a permanent bridge over the seasonal nallah.

10.3 That, the Hon'ble Court may kindly be pleased to direct preparation and execution of a time bound project plan.

10.4 That, the Hon'ble Court may kindly be pleased to direct allocation of necessary funds and monitoring.

10.5 That, the Hon'ble Court may kindly be pleased to grant any other relief, as it may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

10.6 Cost of the petition.”

The petitioner has approached this Court by way of the present Public Interest Litigation with the aforesaid prayer and it is stated that the present PIL has been filed bona fide and in the larger public interest on behalf of the residents of Village Parsapani and Village Bagla Bhata, situated along/near the Bilaspur–Marwahi bypass road, District Bilaspur (C.G.), seeking intervention against the continued lack of basic road connectivity and absence of a permanent bridge/all-weather access road to the said villages. It is the grievance of the petitioner that during every monsoon

season, the pahadi nallah situated on the approach route becomes impassable, due to which the villagers remain completely cut off from the main city and are deprived of access to healthcare, education, markets, emergency services and other basic facilities for nearly 2–3 months every year. It is further stated that despite repeated representations made to the concerned authorities, no effective steps have been taken till date for construction of the necessary infrastructure. Therefore, the present petition has been filed seeking appropriate directions to the authorities for providing proper road and bridge connectivity to the aforesaid villages so as to ensure access to basic civic amenities and a dignified life for the villagers. It has also been stated that the present petition has been filed without any personal interest, private motive or oblique purpose and solely in the larger public interest and for the welfare of the affected villagers.

It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the continued inaction on the part of the

	respondent authorities in providing basic road connectivity and bridge infrastructure to the residents of Village Parsapani and Village Bangla Bhata, situated along/near the Bilaspur–Marwahi bypass road, District Bilaspur (C.G.), is arbitrary, unreasonable and violative of the fundamental rights of the villagers. It is argued that despite the villages being situated near the Bilaspur–Marwahi bypass road, the absence of an all-weather road and permanent bridge over the pahadi nallah has resulted in complete isolation of the villagers during every monsoon season for nearly 2–3 months every year. It is further contended that due to such lack of connectivity, the villagers are deprived of access to healthcare facilities, educational institutions, markets, emergency services and other essential civic amenities, while farmers are unable to transport their agricultural produce. The continued deprivation of basic infrastructure for decades has caused systematic underdevelopment and exclusion of the villagers from the mainstream of public welfare and development.
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It is further contended that despite repeated representations made before the competent authorities, no effective measures have been undertaken till date for construction of the required road and bridge infrastructure. Such prolonged inaction and apathy on the part of the respondent authorities have resulted in recurring hardship and suffering to the families residing in the said villages. It is lastly submitted that this Court may intervene in exercise of its extraordinary jurisdiction and issue appropriate directions to the respondent authorities for providing permanent road and bridge connectivity to Village Parsapani and Village Bangla Bhata, situated along/near the Bilaspur–Marwahi bypass road, District Bilaspur (C.G.), so as to ensure access to essential services and basic civic facilities for the affected villagers.

Learned counsel for the State has pointed out that the petitioner is a resident of District Bilaspur, Block Kota, and that the roads in question are to be constructed in his village. Hence, he has filed the

present petition raising issues relating to lack of basic road connectivity and absence of an all-weather road and bridge infrastructure in the concerned village.

In view of the same, and considering the nature of the issue involved and its recurring impact upon a large number of villagers residing in the affected areas, we take suo motu cognizance of the same and directs the Secretary, Public Works Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, to file his personal affidavit in the matter.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is discharged from appearing in the matter.

List this case on **16.06.2026**.

The Registry is directed to carry out necessary correction in the cause title as well as in the petition.

Sd/-

(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge

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(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice