

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

ORDER SHEET

WPPIL No. 37 of 2017

Kamal Kumar Dubey **Versus** Union Of India & Ors.

WPPIL/67/2017

17/05/2018	Shri Ashish Shrivastava and Shri S.C. Verma, Advocates for the petitioners. Shri B.Gopa Kumar, Assistant Solicitor General for Union of India/ respondent 1. Shri Sunil Sahu, Advocate for the Airport Authority of India/ respondent 2. Shri J.K. Gilda, Advocate General with Shri Prasun Bhaduri, Govt. Advocate for the State/respondents 3 and 4. Heard. It is extremely unfortunate that despite observation by this Court on 10.11.2017 and the undertaking by respondent No.1 before this Court on different dates of hearing even regional connectivity has not commenced from Bilaspur. At this stage, Shri B. Gopa Kumar, learned Assistant Solicitor General would submit that when the expert team of the Ministry of Civil Aviation visited Bilapur Airport in the month of December, 2017, the Chakarbhata run-way was not found to be properly constructed. The State authorities were required to construct the run-way, however, that has not been completed yet, therefore, there is delay in commencement of the regional connectivity operations. Learned Advocate General would submit that the concerned State authorities shall be duly instructed to complete the work at the earliest. Shri Sahu, learned counsel for the Airport Authority of India would submit that the moment all the necessary preparations are made, the Airport Authority of India shall issue required licence to commence the

regional connectivity operations.

Let the entire civil work of Bilaspur Airport be completed by the concerned authority within 6 weeks from today. Thereafter, respondents 1 and 2 shall complete the licensing process within next 6 weeks.

We hope and trust that with the collective efforts of all the respondents, the citizens of Bilaspur shall receive an Independent Day's gift before 15th August, 2018.

List the matter in week commencing from 2nd July, 2018.

On the next date of hearing, the respondents shall file affidavit giving latest updates about the ongoing process.

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JUDGE

(Prashant Kumar Mishra)

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(Ram Prasanna Sharma)

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