



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPIL No. 37 of 2017

Kamal Kumar Dubey (Died) Through Lrs **versus** Union Of India

WPIL/67/2017

Order Sheet

24/11/2025	Heard Mr. Rahul Ambast, learned counsel for petitioner in WPIL No.37/2017 and Mr. Sudiep Shrivastava, learned counsel for the petitioner in WPIL No.67/2017. Also heard Mr. Ramakant Mishra, learned Deputy Solicitor General assisted by Mr. Anmol Sharma and Mr. Bhupendra Pandey, learned Central Government Counsel appearing for the Union of India, Mr. Yashwant Singh Thakur, learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the State, Mr. Anumeh Shrivastava, learned counsel appearing for the Airport Authority of India, Mr. Shobhit Koshta, learned counsel appearing for IndiGo

Airlines and Mr. Suraj Patel, learned counsel holding the brief of Mr. Shobhit Koshta, learned counsel appearing for the Alliance Air Aviation Limited.

In compliance of the Court's order dated 06.11.2025 the Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh has filed his personal affidavit which is reproduced hereinbelow:-

"1. That, vide order dated 06.11.2025 the Hon'ble Court was pleased to direct the Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, to file his personal affidavit explaining (i) the present status of each of the required basic amenities; (ii) the reasons for the delay or failure in ensuring their availability; (iii) the immediate steps taken after the last order of this Court; (iv) a clear and time-bound action plan for ensuring that all mandated passenger-related facilities are fully established, operational, and maintained at standards befitting a public airport; and (v) the details of funds sanctioned, released, and utilized for the development of the airport, along with an explanation regarding any unutilized or diverted funds.

2. That, in compliance of the Hon'ble Court's order dated 06.11.2025, the deponent most humbly submits as under:

A. Summary of Required Basic Amenities and Facilities at Bilaspur Airport:-

As per letter no. BPR/ADM/2025/High Court dated 19 November 2025 from the Airport Director, Bilaspur, the following passenger amenities are available at Bilaspur Airport:

S. No.	Amenities		Quantity and Location Available
(a)	Seating arrangements for passengers		110 passengers (Department Hall & Security Hold Area) 30 passengers (Arrival Hall)
(b)	Water filter/cooler		01 Department Hall, 02 Security Hold Area, 01 Arrival Hall
(c)	Child Care Room		01 Security Hold Area
(d)	Wash Room	Departure Hall	01 each Gents, Ladies & Special abled persons
		Security Hold Area	02 Gents, 01 Ladies & 01 Special abled persons
		Arrival Hall	01 each Gents & Ladies
		Reserved Lounge	01
		For Staff	01 each Departure & Arrival Hall
(e)	Food & Beverage		01 in Security Hold Area (not Functional at present due to BCAS directives)
(f)	Baggage Trolley		25 nos
(g)	Dustbins		06 nos (02 each in Departure Hall, Security Hold Area, and Arrival Hall)

The Food & Beverage (F&B) outlet has remained closed since 02 June 2025 due to a BCAS directive issued following the expiry of the previous contract. Although a fresh agreement was executed on 30 July 2025 with the same operator, BCAS has subsequently mandated

	submission of a Fire NOC as a prerequisite for granting approval to reopen the outlet. The Director (Training & Operations), Fire and Emergency Services, Home Guards, has issued the Fire NOC for operating the outlet on 19 November 2025. Requests for BCAS approval to reopen the outlet were earlier submitted on 02 Augia 2025 and 10 November 2025, and have been resubmitted on 19 November 2015 following issuance of the Fire NOC The F&B outlet will be made operational immediately upon receipt of BCAS clearance. Additional facilities-including new F&B outlet and visitor washrooms outside the terminal are under development and are expected to be completed within 2 months. From 2017 to 2025, a total of Rs. 93.57 crores has been sanctioned for development and operation of Bilaspur Airport, including • Runway improvement and recarpeting • Terminal building enhancement • Airport upgradation from 2C VFR to 3C IFR • Navigation aids, including DVOR installation • Apron expansion and perimeter works • Annual maintenance allocations • Payment to AAI for CNS/ATM Services.
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	An additional 27.10 Crores sanctioned for DVOR/DME -installation (SITC). During current financial year 2025-26, up to September month Rs. 14.62 Crores VGF support to airlines has been paid. Information regarding utilization of sanctioned funds are also mentioned in the said letter. A copy of the relevant letter along with photographs is annexed herewith as <u>ANNEXURE D/1</u>. The Collector, Bilaspur, has also been instructed to inspect the airport and ensure the availability of all required basic amenities by the end of this month. B. Note on the Status of Land Transfer Dispute between Ministry of Defence and Government of Chhattisgarh Further, the State is committed to resolve the matter of land, and for this the department of aviation is in the process of getting 150 crore is provisioned in its budget 2025-26 through supplementary. It is actively taking up the matter with Ministry of Defence. C. DVOR Installation and Night-Landing Permission - Status Note The civil and electrical works required for DVOR installation, executed by the Public Works Department (PWD), have been fully completed.
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The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has installed the DVOR equipment, followed by successful completion of the initial flight inspection as well as the pre-commissioning inspection.

The next stage involves submission of the pre-commissioning data by AAI for further regulatory processing.

The State Government, through the Secretary (Aviation), has also issued a communication to AAI requesting expedited processing of the remaining formalities. Copy of letter dated 20.11.2025 is filed herewith as **ANNEXURE D/2.**

Upon perusal of the affidavit, it appears that certain basic amenities have been improved. With regard to the food and beverage outlet, it has been submitted that the same shall become operational upon receipt of clearance from the BCAS. We hope and trust that the said clearance will be expedited in the interest of the passengers arriving at the Airport.

Furthermore, with respect to the additional facilities proposed, learned Additional Advocate General has stated that the same will be completed within two months. We also hope and trust that the said timeline will be

adhered to.

Insofar as the sanction of funds for the Airport is concerned, it is submitted that the matter is being taken up in the supplementary budget.

With regard to the pre-commissioning data required by the AAI for further regulatory processing, it is stated that the State Government, through the Secretary (Aviation), has issued a communication to the AAI requesting expedited completion of the remaining formalities.

The Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh is directed to file a fresh affidavit regarding the further progress in the matter.

Let the matters be again listed for further monitoring on 16th January, 2026.

Sd/-

(Bibhu Datta Guru)
Judge

Sd/-

(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice