



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPIL No. 38 of 2026

IN THE MATTER OF SUO MOTO PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION
versus STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Order Sheet

01/07/2026	The present public interest litigation has been registered on suo moto cognizance taken by this Court on the basis of news item published in Haribhumi Bilaspur Bhumi, dated 1.7.2026. The news item is as follows:- “शहर के कई इलाकों में रात-रात भर नहीं आती बिजली 4 माह का मॅटनॅस 4 मिनट की बारीश में फेल, बिजली तंत्र चरमराया, विभाग बेबस” It has been published in the Haribhumi Bilaspur Bhumi newspaper dated 01.07.2026 that the storm and

heavy rainfall on Monday evening severely disrupted the power supply in Bilaspur city. Several areas remained without electricity until 3:00 A.M., prompting aggrieved residents to protest by surrounding Nehru Nagar Zone Office. The officials of the Electricity Department, however, stated that the line staff continued restoration work until 5:00 A.M. It has further been reported that, despite the Electricity Department carrying out maintenance and construction works during the four summer months every year, it has failed to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply during the rainy season. According to the residents, even a brief spell of rainfall is sufficient to disrupt the power supply, thereby rendering the Department's claims of preparedness questionable.

It has further been reported that the storm caused widespread disruption across the city, with the Electricity Department facing significant challenges in restoring supply. Several localities remained without electricity throughout the night, causing considerable

	inconvenience to the residents and adversely affecting their daily activities. According to the report, the feeders serving Maharishi Feeder, Om Nagar, Sindhi Colony, Warehouse Area and Sheffer School remained out of service. The disruptions were reportedly caused by fallen electric poles and burst insulators, resulting in multiple line breakdowns. It has also been reported that Brihaspati Bazaar Substation developed technical faults and the power supply there could be restored only by about 11:00 P.M. Further, a tree that fell near the Collector's Bungalow damaged an 11 kV power line. In certain areas, transformer failures further delayed restoration. Although temporary power supply was arranged through alternate lines, only about half of the affected network had reportedly been restored by Tuesday. The report further states that the residents have alleged that Bilaspur is presently facing one of the worst power supply situations in the State, with recurring outages becoming a matter of serious concern.
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It has also been reported that the officials of the Electricity Department stated that, despite functioning with only half of the sanctioned workforce, restoration work was undertaken expeditiously. Three emergency repair teams, each comprising four personnel, were deployed throughout the night. However, owing to the occurrence of multiple faults at different locations simultaneously, the repair of each damaged line reportedly required approximately two to three hours.

Registry is directed to carry out the necessary correction in the cause title by substituting the description of Respondent No. 3 as “Secretary, Energy Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur” in place of “Chairman and Secretary, Energy Department”, and further to substitute the Managing Director, C.S.P.D.C.L., Danganiya, Raipur, Chhattisgarh as Respondent No. 6 in place of “the Superintending Engineer, C.S.P.D.C.L., Bilaspur, District Bilaspur (C.G.)” in the present PIL during the course of the day.

Considering the aforesaid facts and

circumstances, respondent No. 3, namely, the Secretary, Energy Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur; respondent No. 5, the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Bilaspur, District Bilaspur and respondent No. 6, the Managing Director, C.S.P.D.C.L., Raipur, Chhattisgarh, are directed to file their personal affidavits indicating the steps taken for maintenance of the electricity distribution system and for ensuring uninterrupted and proper supply of electricity to the residents of Bilaspur city as well as the drainage system to avoid waterlogging on roads, lanes etc.

Let the matter be listed again on **7.7.2026**.

Mr.Vivek Sharma, learned Advocate General with Mr.S.S.Baghel, learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondent/State and Mr.Anadi Sharma, learned counsel appearing for the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Bilaspur, are present. They shall send a copy of this order to the aforesaid respondents for necessary information and

	compliance. Sd/- (Ravindra Kumar Agrawal) Judge Sd/- (Ramesh Sinha) Chief Justice
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