

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

Order Sheet

**WPPIL No. 75 of 2023**

In The Matter Of Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation

**Versus**

The Chief Secretary & Others

08.07.2024	<p>Heard Mr. Ishan Verma, Mr. Amiyakant Tiwari, Mr. Sidhharth Dubey, Mr. Ashish Beck, learned Court Commissioners and Mr. Yashwant Singh Thakur, learned Additional Advocate General, appearing for the respondent/ State.</p> <p>Surprise visit was made by the learned Court Commissioners and it is found that the conditions of the Anganbadi Centers were sympathetic one as there were no basic amenities found. As per the report submitted by Mr. Siddharth Dubey, there is no electricity due to non-installation of electricity meters for the last two years in Panduka (Mini) Anganbadi Center. There are also total 36 numbers of Anganbadi Centers where the situation is same as per page No. 53 of his report. The</p>

other deficiencies have also been found in other Anganbadi Centers as per his report.

As per the report of Mr. Ishan Verma, there are deficiencies found in Anganbadi Center, Mukund Bhawan Anganbadi Center, which is mentioned at S.No. 29, Gandhi Nagar, Anganbadi Center, which is mentioned at S.No. 30 and Jagriti Chowk, Anganbadi Center, which is mentioned at S.No. 32 and also certain other deficiencies found in the other Anganbadi Centers.

So far as, the report of Mr. Amiyakant Tiwari & Mr. Ashish Beck, learned Court Commissioners, are concerned, they stated that the Anganbadi Centers which they have visited, the things were found to be in order.

The Director, Social Welfare, State of Chhattisgarh is directed to submit personal affidavit with respect to the reports of Mr. Ishan Verma and Mr. Sidharth Dubey, Court Commissioners pointing out the deficiencies in their reports with respect to Anganbadi Centers within a period of two weeks.

It has been also pointed out that the Project Director, Women & Child Development Department, Dist- Durg, vide letter dated 19/02/2024 have requested to the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Charoda, Dist- Durg, to identify the place

for 08 Anganbadi Centers within the territory of Municipal Corporation Charoda which do not possess the requisite building for running of the Anganbadi Centers there and have made further correspondence through subsequent letters at regular intervals to Chief Municipal officer, Municipal Council, Kumhari, Dist- Durg, Chief Municipal Officer, Nagar Panchayat Dhamdha, Dist- Durg and Chief Municipal Officer, Municipal Council, Ahiwara, Dist- Durg.

The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Charoda, Dist- Durg is directed to file his/ her personal affidavit in the matter as to what steps he/ she has taken in this regard.

Learned State Counsel is directed to send a copy of this order to the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Charoda, Dist- Durg, for necessary information and compliance.

A news item was displayed in NDTV on the Social Media where it was reported that there were 52,000 Anganbadi Centers in the State which had not been supplied the ready-to-eat food and suo moto cognizance has also been taken by this Court and placed on record in the present PIL.

Another news item has been published in *Dainik Bhaskar* on 04.01.2024 with heading "162 करोड का पेमेंट अटका, प्रदेश में रेडी टू

इट की सप्लाई एक महिने से बंद” with a sub-heading “140 करोड फूड के और 22 करोड की जीएसटी भी विभाग में अटकी”, “बीज निगम ने हाथ खड़े किये, मंत्री को जानकारी ही नहीं”.

The said news report further states that the Minister for Women and Child Welfare Department has expressed her ignorance with regard to the aforesaid situation and stated that she will inquire into the matter. The said news further states that the supply of ready-to-eat meal has been stopped for the last one month in the District of Surajpur and in District Kabirdham, the said situation is prevailing for about two months. The ground reality is that the Anganbadi Workers are waiting for resuming of the supply of ready to eat meals.

The Secretary, Women and Child Development Department, State of Chhattisgarh, is directed to file personal affidavit on the aforesaid issues by the next date of hearing.

Let the matter be again listed on **15/07/2024**.

**Sd/-**  
**(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal )**  
Judge

**Sd/-**  
**(Ramesh Sinha)**  
Chief Justice