

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****WPPIL No. 75 of 2023**

In the matter of Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation

**versus**

The Chief Secretary &amp; Others

**Order Sheet**

<b>15/12/2025</b>	<p>This is an office reference.</p> <p>Heard Mr. Amiyakant Tiwari and Mr. Ishan Verma, learned Court Commissioners, Mr. Y.S. Thakur, learned Additional Advocate General, appearing for the State and Mr. Ramakant Mishra, learned Deputy Solicitor General along with Mr. Tushar Dhar Diwan, learned Central Government Counsel, appearing for respondent/UOI.</p> <p>On the last date of hearing i.e. on 10.12.2025, this Court had directed the matter to be listed for further monitoring on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2026, however, since a news report has been published in Hindi Daily,</p>

Haribhoomi on 14.12.2025 with a heading “मध्यान्ह भोजन के बाद बिगड़ी बच्चों की तबीयत, फूड प्वाइजनिंग के शिकार” this Court directed the matter to be listed today.

The aforesaid news report goes to state that in Government Middle School, Chaurabhatha, Block Navagarh, several students fell ill due to food poisoning after consuming the Mid-Day Meal. On Saturday, *kheer* and *puri* were prepared and served in the school, after consuming which, the health condition of the children deteriorated, resulting in symptoms such as abdominal pain, vomiting, throat irritation, and restlessness. Due to the seriousness of the situation, panic prevailed in the school, and the teachers immediately informed the 108 ambulance service. The affected children were rushed to the Community Health Centre, Navagarh, where, after medical examination, 24 children were admitted for treatment, though the condition of all the children was reported to be out of danger. Upon receiving information about the incident, officials from the Health Department and the Education Department reached the

spot, recorded the statements of the teachers, and collected samples of the Mid-Day Meal, which are to be examined by the technical team for further investigation.

In view of the above, the Collector, Janjgir-Champa is directed to file his personal affidavit with respect to the aforesaid news item.

Let the matter be listed in the **17.12.2025**.

Learned State counsel shall communicate this order to the Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh as well as Collector, Janjgir-Champa for necessary information and follow of action.

Sd/-  
**(Bibhu Datta Guru)**  
Judge

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**(Ramesh Sinha)**  
Chief Justice