



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPIL No. 58 of 2019

SANJAY RAJAK **versus** STATE OF CHHATTISGARH AND OTHERS

WPIL/63/2019

Order Sheet

10-02-2025	Heard Mr. Sunil Otwani, learned counsel for the petitioner in WPIL No.58/2019 and Mr. Palash Tiwari, learned counsel for the petitioner in WPIL No. 63/2019. Also heard Mr. Prafull N. Bharat, learned Advocate General with Mr. Yashwant Singh Thakur, learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the respondent-State, Mr. Dhiraj Kumar Wankhede, learned counsel appearing for the respondent/NHAI, Ms. Anmol Sharma and Mr. T.D. Diwan, learned Central Government Counsel for the respondent-Union of India, Mr. Ashutosh Singh Kachhawaha, learned counsel for respondent-Municipal Corporation-Jagdalpur, Mr. Sourabh Sharma, learned counsel for the respondent-Municipal Corporation-Rajnandgaon, Mr. Ashish Tiwari, learned counsel for the respondent-Municipal Corporation-Bilaspur & Bhilai-Charoda, Mr. Dinesh Yadav, learned counsel appearing on

	behalf of Mr. Anuroop Panda, learned counsel for respondent-Municipal Corporation-Korba, Mr. Pankaj Agrawal along with Mr. Rakshit Tiwari, Dr. Sudeep Agrawal, learned counsel for respective respondents. Today, the Superintending Engineer, Public Works Department, National Highway Circle, Bilaspur, District Bilaspur (C.G.) has filed an affidavit in compliance of the Court's order dated 13-01-2025 whereby it is stated that the draft of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been prepared by the Six Members Committee consisting of various stakeholders. Copy of the same has been annexed as Annexure D/1 and the same has been uploaded in the Website of the Transport Department, Govt. of Chhattisgarh on 21-01-2025 and called suggestions from general public. The SOP will be finalized after taking into consideration the suggestions from the public and interested parties. Learned Advocate General states that the SOP which has been uploaded on 21-01-2025 would be finalized at the earliest. We hope and trust that the Committee which has been formed by which the SOP has been drafted would make all endeavors to make the roads a safe place for the public so that no untoward incident takes place because of the intervention of stray animals. Mr. Dhiraj Wankhede is also directed to get the affidavit filed by the Project Director of the National Highway with respect
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to the NH 130 in order to prevent the accidents in highway because of the movement of the stray animals. By the said affidavit it shall also be informed as to what steps have been taken to suggest about running of the high speed vehicles and the peoples who are intoxicated while driving. It shall also inform about further steps with respect to the encroachment by Dhabas on national highway which has been done because of the parking where the people are sitting and having liquor and edibles on the national highway.

The State authorities/stakeholders shall cooperate with the Authority of National Highway. The District Magistrate, Bilaspur, Municipal Commissioner, Bilaspur, I.G., Bilaspur Range shall ensure that encroachment which has been done under the Pendridih bridge shall be removed at the earliest in accordance with law.

Let the matter be again listed on 8th April, 2025.

Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge

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(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice