



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPPIL No. 62 of 2025

In the matter of Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation

Versus

State of Chhattisgarh & Others

Order Sheet

03/09/2025	This is an office reference. Heard Mr. Prafull N. Bharat, learned Advocate General along with Mr. Shashank Thakur, learned Deputy Advocate General, appearing for the State/ respondents. In compliance of the Court's order dated 29.07.2025, an affidavit has been filed by the Chief Secretary, State of Chhattisgarh, relevant portion of the said affidavit, is reproduced herein under :- <i>“3. That, it is respectfully submitted that the matter was listed before this Hon'ble Court on 29.07.2025 and this Hon'ble Court has observed</i>

that in view of the above affidavit, we deem it proper that the matter be listed for *further monitoring of the situation of the steps which is to be taken by the State, in view of the queries made by the Government of India, for construction of large bridge over the stream. This Hon'ble Court further directed, that a fresh affidavit be filed by the Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur before the next date of hearing and directed the matter to be listed on 03.09.2025.*

4. *That, it is respectfully submitted that earlier the Left Wing Extremist Division of the Department of Home, Government of India vide its letter dated 19.06.2025 (earlier typed as 13.06.2025) Annexure A/1 had sought certain clarifications after technical vetting and a request was made to the Government of Chhattisgarh to submit the proposal as per the comments made in the technical vetting.*

5. *It is respectfully submitted that the Collector, District-North Bastar Kanker, vide its letter dated 11.08.2025, has replied to the letter dated 11.07.2025 issued by the Department of Home, Government of Chhattisgarh and answered the queries on 12 points made by the*

Government of India for construction of a large bridge over the stream, under the Special Central Assistance (SCA). Copies of the letter dated 11.08.2025 alongwith 12 points answers to the queries are being collectively filed and annexed herewith as ANNEXURE A/4 for the kind reference of this Hon'ble Court. Herein it would be pertinent to mention that earlier vide letter dated 14.07.2025 one Ghanshyam Kashyap, Sub-Engineer, PMGSY, Kanker has been nominated as the coordination officer for Kanker District for technical examination and commenting upon the proposal present under the (SCA). A copy of the letter dated 14.07.2025 is being filed and annexed herewith as ANNEXURE A/5. for the kind reference of this Hon ble Court.

6. That, it is respectfully submitted that the Deputy Secretary, Department of Home, Government of Chhattisgarh has forwarded the revised proposal after due compliance to the (LWED) Department of Home, Government of India vide letter dated 20.08.2025 with respect to all the four districts namely Kanker, Narayanpur, Bijapur and Sukma. It is submitted that alongwith the said letter dated 20.08.2025 the information regarding technical vetting of the

DPR and the comments/answer of the queries has also been annexed and forwarded to the Government of India. Copy of the letter dated 20.08.2025 alongwith the technical vetting of DPR including comments made by the Collectors of four districts are being collectively filed and annexed herewith as ANNEXURE A/6 for the kind reference of this Hon'ble Court. It is respectfully submitted that the answering respondent have made due compliance of the queries made by the Government of India and the revised proposal has again been submitted vide letter dated 20.08.2025. It is submitted that as soon as the administrative and technical sanction/permission is granted by the Ministry of Home, Government of India for the work of Construction of the large bridge, it would be started after completing the procedural formalities of the tender process.”

It is stated by learned Advocate General that after due compliance to the (LWED) Department of Home, Government of India, revised proposal has already been submitted vide letter dated 20.08.2025 and as soon as the administrative and technical sanction / permission is granted by the Ministry of Home,

Government of India for the work of construction of the large bridge, it would be started after completing the procedural formalities of the tender process.

Today also, similar News items have been published in the Daily News Paper, “Dainik Bhaskar” as well as in the “The Times of India” with the headings “ऐसे स्कूल चले हम – बाढ़ में पुलिया बही, जान जोखिम में डाल बल्ली तार के सहारे नाला पार कर दंतेवाड़ा के कोरकोटी पढ़ने जा रहे बच्चे” and “After floods, Bastar schoolgirls cross broken bridge to return to class” respectively.

In view of the above, let fresh affidavit be filed by the Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur showing the initiatives which have been taken by the Central Government regarding the construction of the large bridge over the stream and further in relation to the aforesaid News items before the next date of hearing.

List this matter on 22.09.2025.

Sd/-
(Bibhu Datta Guru)
Judge

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice