

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****WPPIL No. 88 of 2023**

In the matter of Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation,
Regarding Noise Pollution Based on News Item

Versus

The Chief Secretary & Others

Order Sheet

15/12/2025	<p>This is an office reference.</p> <p>Heard Mr. Shashank Thakur, learned Deputy Advocate General, appearing for the State/ respondents.</p> <p>On the last date of hearing i.e. on 12.12.2025, this Court, while directing the Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Chhattisgarh, Department of Home to file a fresh affidavit, directed the matter to be listed on 3rd of February, 2026, however, since a news report has been published today in Hindi Daily newspaper, Dainik Bhaskar with a heading “देर रात लाउडस्पीकर का</p>

शोर, ओम विहार में ध्वनि प्रदूषण से लोग परेशान” this Court directed the matter to be listed today.

The aforesaid news report goes to state that the problem of noise pollution is becoming increasingly serious in Om Vihar, under the Sarkanda police station. Residents are troubled by the loud noise from loudspeakers late at night and early in the morning. Residents say that loudspeakers, playing at full volume from midnight to 8 a.m., are seriously affecting their sleep, health, and work. Despite numerous complaints to 112, they receive no relief. According to complainants, when they wake up at 4 a.m. and call 112, the Raipur Control Center advises them to be patient, but the Sarkanda police station's 112 service fails to arrive. Residents allege that loudspeakers are played continuously in the name of religious events, as if there is no restriction on this. Article 21 of the Constitution guarantees every citizen the fundamental right to live and sleep in a peaceful and dignified environment. Experts say that noise pollution is not only

a source of inconvenience but can also cause mental stress, insomnia, and health problems.

In view of the above, the Collector, Bilaspur 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, Bilaspur for necessary information and follow of action.

Sd/-
(Bibhu Datta Guru)
Judge

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(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice