



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR
Order Sheet

WPC No. 4091 of 2019

ASHWANI BANDHE **versus** THE UNION OF INDIA & Ors.

09/12/2025	<p>Shri Ravindra Sharma, Advocate for the Petitioner.</p> <p>Shri Ramakant Mishra, Deputy Solicitor General along-with Shri Tushar Dhar Diwan and Shri Rishabh Deo Singh, Advocates for the respondent No.1 & 3.</p> <p>Shri Akash Pandey, Advocate for the respondent Nos. 2, 4 & 5.</p> <p>Ms. Shailja Shukla, Dy. G.A. for the respondent Nos. 6 to 9.</p> <p>This writ petition was filed in the year - 2019 and reply on behalf of respondents were not filed. This Court on 28/10/2025, directed the respondents to file reply, failing which respondent No. 2, 4 and 6 were directed to appear through V.C. at 02:30PM today.</p> <p>It is informed that reply on behalf of respondent No. 1 to 5 has been filed, however, reply on behalf of respondent Nos. 6 to 9 could not be filed. Thus, Ms. Effat Ara, Special Secretary, Department of Revenue / respondent No.6 appeared today through Video Conferencing and submits that the Secretary/Respondent No.6 is indisposed, therefore, in his place her presence may be marked. Prayer is allowed. She further submits that the case has a chequered history and O.I.C. has already been</p>
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appointed who has collected the necessary documents enabling respondent Nos. 6 to 9 to file return. She submits that sometime may be granted, so that return on behalf of respondent Nos. 6 to 9 may be filed.

As prayed, list on **29th January, 2026** enabling the respondent Nos. 6 to 9 to file reply, if the return is not filed on or before that day, respondent No.6 shall appear before this Court through Video Conferencing at 02:30PM on that day.

Sd/-
(Sachin Singh Rajput)
Judge