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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPPIL No. 95 of 2024

IN THE MATTER OF SUO MOTO PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATTION, **versus**
STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Order Sheet

06/10/2025	This is an office reference. Heard Mr. Prafull N. Bharat, learned Advocate General alongwith Mr. S. S. Baghel, learned Dy. Govt. Advocate for the State/respondents and Mr. R. S. Marhas, learned counsel for the Municipal Corporation, Bilaspur. In compliance of the Court's order dated 02/09/2025, the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Bilaspur has filed his affidavit. For ready reference, relevant portion of the said affidavit, is reproduced hereinunder:- *"3. That actions are regularly being taken to give effect to the provisions of*

	COTPA. Some of the actions taken were published by some newspapers. Copy of these newspaper reports are being enclosed herewith as Annexure A. *4. That the Department of Food & Drugs Administration has been taking regular steps in respect of violation of COTPA. Some of the challans issued by the said department for violations are being annexed herewith as Annexure B* *5. That a meeting of the District Level Committee (DLCC) under the National Tobacco Control Programme was held on 30.09.2025. All the stakeholder departments have participated in the meeting and various actions were directed to the undertaken. A copy of the minutes of meeting dated 30.09.2025 is being filed herewith as Annexure C."* From bare perusal of the aforesaid affidavit, it goes to show that some actions are regularly being taken to give effect to the provisions of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of

	Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 (COTPA) and the Department of Food & Drugs Administration has been taking regular steps in respect of violation of COTPA. Further perusal of the affidavit goes to show that a meeting of the District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) under the National Tobacco Control Programme was held on 30.09.2025 wherein, all the stakeholder departments have participated in the meeting and various actions were directed to be undertaken. Post the matter for further monitoring on **14/11/2025**. Sd/- Sd/- **(Bibhu Datta Guru) Judge** **(Ramesh Sinha) Chief Justice**
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