



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPIL No. 88 of 2025

In The Matter of Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation Based on News Item Publised In Dainik Bhaskar News Dated 21st September, 2025 Namely, Pradesh Mein Dial 112 Mein 2 Saal Se Khade Vahanon Ke Upyog Mein Ajeeb Prayog, Gajab... Pehle Nayi Gadiyon Ko 2 Saal Rakhkar Purana Kiya Aur Ab Thane Bheja, Jo Nayi Kharidi Unhe Bhi Dump Kar Rahe

... Petitioner

versus

- 1** - State of Chhattisgarh Through Chief Secretary, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nawa Raipur Chhattisgarh
- 2** - Secretary Home Department, Mahanadi Bhawan Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh
- 3** - Director General of Police Police Headquarter, Sector 19 Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh
- 4** - Collector Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh
- 5** - Superintendent Of Police Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh

... Respondents

(Cause-title taken from Case Information System)

Order Sheet

22.09.2025	This is an office reference. Heard Mr. Prafull N. Bharat, learned Advocate General assisted by Mr. Shashank Thakur, learned deputy Advocate General, appearing for the State/respondents. This suo moto public interest litigation petition has been registered on the basis of a news report published on 21.09.2025 in Hindi Daily newspaper, namely Dainik Bhaskar with a heading “गजब... पहले नई गाड़ियों को दो साल रखकर पुराना किया और अब थाने भेजा, जो नई खरीदीं उन्हें भी डंप कर रहे”, and sub-heading “प्रदेश में डायल 112 के 2 साल से खड़े वाहनों के उपयोग में अजीब प्रयोग ”. The aforesaid news items reveal that in August 2023, as many as 400 vehicles were purchased for the Dial-112 service at a cost of Rs.40 Crore, yet instead of being put to use, they remained parked for nearly two years, during which period several of them suffered damage to tyres, batteries and other parts, thereby reducing their effective lifespan. Thereafter, in April

2025, 325 new vehicles were again procured for police stations, but rather than deploying them, the police headquarters issued directions for repairing the long-idle Dial-112 vehicles and sending them to the police stations, while the newly purchased vehicles were once again kept parked.

This peculiar practice not only entails avoidable expenditure of about Rs.50,000/- per vehicle towards repairs and servicing, but also shortens the permissible running life of diesel vehicles from ten years to eight years. The field situation is such that even the officers are compelled to spend from their own resources to keep the old, malfunctioning vehicles operational, while the new vehicles remain unused. The position has arisen on account of indecision in the matter of tendering and agency selection, which has resulted in administrative delay, financial burden and operational inconvenience in police functioning.

Learned Advocate General, assisted by learned Deputy Government Advocate, has prayed for a week's

time to obtain necessary instructions and respond to the matter.

In that view of the matter, the Director General of Police, State of Chhattisgarh, is hereby directed to file his personal affidavit, explaining in detail the circumstances which led to the procurement of new vehicles being left idle while older Dial-112 vehicles were deployed, the reasons for the delay in tendering and agency selection, and the administrative decisions that contributed to the financial loss and operational inconvenience. The affidavit should also set out the concrete steps already taken or proposed to be taken to rectify the situation, ensure optimal utilization of all vehicles, prevent recurrence of such mismanagement, and safeguard the operational efficiency of the police force.

Accordingly, the matter is adjourned and listed for further hearing on **08.10.2025**, by which date the Director General of Police, State of Chhattisgarh, shall file an affidavit addressing the issues raised before this

Anu	Court. Learned State counsel is further directed to ensure that a copy of this order is immediately communicated to the Director General of Police, State of Chhattisgarh, for necessary information, action, and compliance without any delay. Sd/- (Bibhu Datta Guru) Judge Sd/- (Ramesh Sinha) Chief Justice
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