



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPPIL No. 88 of 2025

IN THE MATTER OF SUO MOTO PUBLIC INTEREST
LITIGATION BASED ON NEWS ITEM PUBLISHED IN DAINIK
BHASKAR **versus** STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Order on Board

08/10/2025	This is an office reference. Heard Mr. Shashank Thakur, Dy. Advocate General for the State. This <i>suo moto</i> public interest litigation petition was 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 गाड़ियोंको 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 वाहनोंके उपयोग में अजीब प्रयोग". While hearing the PIL on 22/09/2025 and considering

the said news, the Director General of Police, State of Chhattisgarh was 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 DGP, State of Chhattisgarh, has filed his personal affidavit, relevant portion of the affidavit dated from para paragraph 3 onward as under:-

“3. That, on 22.09.2025 the Court taking into account the facts mentioned in the news item that vehicles were purchased for 112 service but the same are parked for almost two years and due to which damage has been caused to them. Thereby, reducing their life span. The Court directed the Director General of Police to file his personal affidavit explaining in detail the circumstances which lead to the procurement of new vehicles being left while older dial 112 vehicles were deployed.

4. That, at the outset the deponent most respectfully submits that he has the

highest regards and great respect of the lawful authority of the Hon'ble Court and it's orders, directions and instructions issued by this Hon'ble Court from time to time.

5. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that the dial 112 scheme is an ambitious scheme floated upon the instruction of the central government by the state govt. to provide police assistance in case of emergency over a phone call. At present dial 112 scheme is being 16 districts in the State of operated across Chhattisgarh since 2018 and a total of 252 vehicles have been deployed.

6. That, in order to extend the scheme to the remaining districts and for effective implementation and management of the scheme it was decided to hire a new agency and for that purpose a Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) was floated on 12.06.2023. The said NIT was cancelled on 14.03.2024 on the ground of insufficient participation and thereafter the second call was issued on 14.03.2024. After scrutinizing all the documents the Police Headquarters made a request to the Department of Home, Government of Chhattisgarh for seeking permission to

issue Letter Of Intent (LOI) in favour of the company securing highest score. However, the said requested was turned down by the government and ultimately the second call was also cancelled on 29.10.2024. A Copy of the order dated 29.10.2024 is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/1.

7. It is submitted that dial112 project consists of two components, the first being the agency taking care of the IT part (Technical) and the second component is the fleet part. The vehicles which are being deployed are provided by the under the said scheme government. It is submitted that since, the dial 112 project was to be operated across all the districts of the State of Chhattisgarh, it was decided to procure new vehicles and for the said purpose the Department of Home, Government of Chhattisgarh vide its order dated 05.09.2023 granted permission and sanctioned an amount of Rs. 33 Crores. Similarly, vide order dated 23.09.2024 financial accord was given for procurement of 22 more vehicles. A copy of the order dated 05.09.2023 alongwith the copy of the order dated 23.09.2024 is annexed herewith collectively as ANNEXURE D/2.

8. It is submitted that after the permission of the government dated 05/09/2023, order were placed to the respective agency for supply of the vehicles and total 374 nos. of Light motor vehicle ie. Bolero vehicles of Mahindra and Mahindra make were procured. A list of the details of the delivery of the 374 nos. of vehicles is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/3.

9. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that the Police Headquarter vide its letter dated 29.11.2023 directed the Commandant, 3Battalion, Amleshwar, Durg to provide security and safe places and police guard for parking the vehicles. A copy of the letter dated 29.11.2023 is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/4. On 09.05.2025 again direction in this regard was issued to Commandant 3 Battalion, Amleshwar, Durg and incharge of Motor Transport Workshop for providing adequate force for security of the vehicles so that no damage can be caused to the parked vehicles. It is necessary to mention that the vehicles which were parked in the Battalion campus were duly attended to by the staff of the Police Motor Transport Workshop and each and every vehicle was subjected to regular test run and

upkeep over the period for which they were parked.

10. That, it is submitted that vide applicable circular dated 25.11.1978, the Department of Home. Government of Madhya Pradesh has issued guidelines with respect to the maintenance and running life of the government vehicles, wherein it has been clearly jeep model government vehicle may be declared as unfit once it has covered a distance of 1.80.000 Km. The guideline does not prescribe a time-limit for the above mentioned eligibility. A copy of the circular dated 25.11.1978 is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/5.

11. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that as submitted in the preceding paragraphs that 374 vehicles were purchased in the anticipation of the tender with respect to dial 112, However, the same could not be finalised and the vehicles were lying idle. Meanwhile, in a separate exercise, Police department with the sanction of state government, procured 306 Light Motor Vehicles (Bolero) in the period of January to March, 2025 under replacement of vehicles head and other heads. It was proposed by the department

to swap the freshly procured 306 Light motor vehicles meant for the police stations and other field units with equal number of Dial 112 vehicles. The State Govt. accorded its permission vide its letter dated 07-08-2025 to swap the two lots of vehicles. Consequently, 306 vehicles of previous lot were distributed to District ere distributed to District and others Police units. Request from department to the Govt. dated 08-05-2025 is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/6 and permission of Govt. dated 07-08-2025 is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/7 and distribution of vehicle order dated 14-08-2025 annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/8.

12. That, at this juncture it is necessary to mention that vide letter dated 24.09.2025 the incharge of the Motor Transport Workshop of the Department of Police, Amleshwar, Durg was directed to submit a report with respect to the maintenance of the 374 vehicles as well as the conditions and the fitness of the said vehicles and in response to the said query Deputy Superintendent of Police, Motor Transport Workshop, Amleshwar, District Durg vide his letter dated 26.08.2025, submitted the necessary

information. As per the information provided by the incharge of the Motor Transport Workshop, it is stated that all the 374 vehicles which were parked in 3rd Bn. Amleshwar, Durg were duly attended to by the staff of the Motor Transport Workshop at regular intervals for routine inspection and all the vital parts of the vehicles were thoroughly checked, the vehicles were duly cleaned and all this have been regularly recorded in the Rojnamcha maintained by the Motor Transport Workshop. It is further submitted that prior to the distribution of the said vehicles to the District Units the vehicles were again thoroughly checked and fitness certificated were also obtained from the mechanical team of the Motor Transport Workshop. A copy of the letter dated 24.09.2025 and the report dated 26.09.2025 are collectively arinexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/9.

13. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that necessary information with respect to the newly allocated vehicles was sought from the Senior Superintendent of Police/Superintendent of Police of District Durg, Bilaspur, Raipur and Sarguja and response to the query made by the Police headquarter it has

been reported that the vehicles received by the Districts were in proper order and in a running conditions and no money what so ever has been spent on the said vehicles in repairs. A copy of the information received from the Senior Superintendent of Police/ Superintendent of Police of Durg, Bilaspur, Raipur and Sarguja is annexed herewith as Annexure D/10.

14. The deponent most respectfully submits that in order to efficiently run and maintain the dial 112 services in the State of Chhattisgarh, as per the decision of the Cabinet C-DAC has been awarded the IT scope of the project and that C-DAC has made a request for the new vehicles so that the vehicles can be designed as per the specifications.

15. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that procurement of vehicle and swapping of vehicle has been done by the department with the permission from the Department of Home and in this process no financial loss has been caused to the State Exchequer. Also, there has neither been any damage nor any loss of life span to any of the vehicles under consideration.

16. That, the contents of this affidavit

have been drafted according to my instructions and the contents thereof are true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge and belief, based on the official records.

17. That, the above submissions and documents may kindly be taken on records of the case.

On perusal of the affidavit, it is revealed that while vehicles procured under the Dial 112 scheme were initially idle, they were properly secured, maintained, and no damage or reduction in lifespan occurred. The affidavit also mentions the tender process, stating that the initial NIT issued on 12.06.2023 was cancelled on 14.03.2024 due to insufficient participation, and the second call issued on 14.03.2024 was ultimately cancelled on 29.10.2024 after permission to issue the Letter of Intent (LoI) was denied by the Department of Home. Despite these tender cancellations, 374 vehicles were procured following government sanction on 05.09.2023 and 23.09.2024 and out of them, according to the learned counsel for the State, 306 vehicles have already been allocated and the remaining vehicles will also be allocated shortly.

However, the affidavit does not clearly confirm whether the vehicles procured pursuant to the tender process have

been distributed to all the districts of the State.

Accordingly, the Director General of Police, Govt. of Chhattisgarh is hereby directed to file his personal affidavit before this Court, apprising it that under the Dial 112 scheme, all new vehicles procured pursuant to the tender process have been duly allocated and distributed to all districts of the State, along with confirmation regarding their fitness and operational readiness by the next date of hearing.

List this case on **24/11/2025**.

Learned counsel for the State is directed to furnish the copy of this order to the DGP forthwith for necessary information and compliance.

Sd/-

(Bibhu Datta Guru)
Judge

Sd/-

(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice