

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****WPC No. 5562 of 2025****SHOUKILAL MAHANT *versus* UNION OF INDIA & OTHERS****Order Sheet**

15.01.2026	Mr. Sushobhit Singh, learned counsel for the petitioner. Mr. Chetan Singh Chauhan, learned counsel for respondents No. 2 to 5/SECL. Mr. Shreyansh Mehta, learned Panel Lawyer for the State. The petitioner is directed to clarify what is the right of the Kotwar to continue in the land under the Land Revenue Code, 1959 and more particularly the State Government has acquired the land under the Coal Bearing Act, 1957 and given the land to the SECL for the

purpose of Coal.

Let this position be clarified by the provisions of
Land Revenue Code, 1959 and other relevant law.

The State is directed to file reply.

List this case on **17th February, 2026**.

Sd/-
(Narendra Kumar Vyas)
Judge