



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPIL No. 109 of 2024

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

Order Sheet

07.05.2026	This is an office reference. Heard Shri Shashank Thakur, learned Addl AG for the State, Shri Ramakant Mishra, learned DSG and Ms Annapurna Tiwari, learned counsel for the Union of India, Ms Sweksha Sharma, learned counsel for the intervenor. In compliance of the Court's order dated 13.04.2026, the Mission Director, Jal Jivan Mission, Neer Bhawan, Raipur, District-Raipur has filed personal affidavit, relevant portion of which reads as under: “4. That, in compliance of the order dated 13/04/2026 passed by the Hon'ble Court, the deponent, having the highest regard and great
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respects for the lawful authority of this Hon'ble Court and its orders and directions, most humbly and respectfully submits that earlier affidavits have been filed before this Hon'ble Court and it has been submitted that the Project "Jal Jeevan Mission" is a very ambitious project of the Government of India and the Government of Chhattisgarh is taking all necessary steps and efforts towards fulfillment of the object of the said project so that clear and safe drinking water is available to every household.

5.That, the deponent respectfully submits that as per the scheme floated by the Central Government, 50% of the expenditure of the project is to be borne by the Central government and rest 50% is to be borne by the respective State Governments. It is most respectfully submitted that the State of Chhattisgarh has been duly releasing its share of 50% for the project.

6.That, the deponent respectfully submits that till date the Central Government has released Rs.

6178.33 crores whereas the State Government of Chhattisgarh has released Rs. 9603.69 crores and further an amount of Rs. 7319.22 crores is to be released by the Central Government whereas the State has to release an amount of Rs. 3364.52 crores. Copy of the chart detailing the amounts received and the expenditure incurred in the project from financial year 2019-20 to 2025-26 is being filed herewith as Annexure – A/1

7. That, the deponent respectfully submits that the State of Chhattisgarh has incurred additional expenditure towards the Jal Jeevan Mission and taking into account the additional expenditure incurred by the State Government, the Ministry of Jal Sakti, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, National Jal Jeevan Mission, vide its order dated 30/03/2026, has accorded its sanction for release of Rs. 536,53,39,627/- towards reimbursement fund to the Government of Chhattisgarh during the financial year 2025-26. A copy of the order dated 30/03/2026 is being filed

herewith as Annexure A/2. It is submitted that pursuant to the said order, the amount of Rs. 536,53,39,627/- has been received by the State Government from the Central Government.

8. That, the deponent respectfully submits that vide letter dated 27/03/2026 a request has been made to the Mission Director, National Jal Jeevan Mission, Government of India for release of amount of Rs. 356141.00 lakhs with respect to the central share in favour of the State of Chhattisgarh as first installment for the financial year 2025-26. A copy of the letter dated 27/03/2026 is being filed herewith as Annexure A/3.”

It is respectfully submitted that the State of Chhattisgarh is duty bound to provide the safe and clean drinking water to every household in the State of Chhattisgarh for which all best and sincere efforts and endeavours are being made so that the main object and purpose of the scheme of Jal Jeevan Mission could be achieved by providing the safe and clean drinking water to every rural

	households in the State of Chhattisgarh.” Learned State counsel would submit that pursuant to Sanction order dated 30.03.2026 (Annexure A2), an amount of Rs.5,36,53,39,627/- has been sanctioned by the Ministry of Jal Sakti, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, National Jal Jeevan Mission towards reimbursement fund to the State of Chhattisgarh for the financial year 2025-26, copy of which is enclosed herewith as Annexure A2. He would further submit that State is taking all necessary steps towards fulfillment of the object of the project ‘Jal Jeevan Mission’. Let a fresh affidavit be filed by the Under Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, National Jal Jeevan Mission, New Delhi, and also by the Mission Director, Jal Jeevan Mission, Neer Bhawan, Raipur, about the fresh updates with respect to the subject matter. List this case again on 7th July, 2026 for further monitoring, Sd/- (Ravindra Kumar Agrawal) Judge Sd/- (Ramesh Sinha) Chief Justice
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