



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPPIL No. 109 of 2024

In The Matter Of Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation

Versus

State Of Chhattisgarh

Order Sheet

15/09/2025	This is an office reference. Heard Mr. Shashank Thakur, learned Deputy Advocate General for the State/respondents No. 1 to 6, Mr. Ramakant Mishra, learned Deputy Solicitor General for the respondent No. 7/ Union of India, as well as Ms. Aditi Singhvi, learned counsel for the Intervenor. On the last date of hearing i.e. 17.06.2025, this Court had directed the respondent authorities to submit the latest development report of the subject matter. In compliance of the same, the Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department, District Bilaspur, has filed an

affidavit, the relevant portion of which reads as under:

“3. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that there has been substantial increase in the overall certification of villages as Har Ghar Jal village in the affidavit filed on 07.04.2025, there were total 3,266 villages which were certified as Har Ghar Jal Village as on 02.04.2025. However, presently 4,017 villages have been certified as Har Ghar Jal Village, thus, there is increase of 751 villages. A copy of the relevant data in format J8 is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D-10.

4. That, it is further submitted that as far as the water sources are concerned in the earlier affidavit it was stated that total 34,164 water sources have been identified and developed up to 01.04.2025 and presently as on 01.09.2025 the total number of water resources is up to 35,164, thus total 1,000 new resources have been identified up to date. Copy of the relevant data with respect to status of sources is filed herewith as ANNEXURE D/11. That, as far as the status of the Over Head Tanks (OHT) is concerned in the earlier affidavit, it was reported that on 9,183 Over Head Tanks (OHT) have been constructed and as on 01.09.2025 the figure has raised to 9,920. Thus, there is a increase of 737 Over Head Tanks between the period of April to September 2025. A copy of the relevant data with respect to the status of the Over Head Tanks (OHT) is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/12. It is further submitted that there has been substantial increase in the number of

Installation of Solar Pumps under the mission in the earlier affidavit it was reported that total 13,998 Solar Pumps have been installed up to 01.04.2025 and presently, as on 01.09.2025, it is up to 15,203. A copy of the relevant data with respect to the status of the Solar Pumps installed is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/13.

5. That, it is further submitted out of the total estimated project value of Rs. 26465.76 Cr., an amount of Rs. 15591.14 Cr. has been received which contents the share of Central to the tune of Rs. 6,178.33 Cr. and State's share is to the tune of Rs. 9412.81Cr. It is therefore submitted that against the balance share of the State which is 3555.40 Cr. the State has made budgetary provisions in the budget of 2025-26 for an amount of Rs 4495.00 Cr. A copy of the data with respect to amount received and the expenses incurred till date is annexed as ANNEXURE D/14.

6. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that the Jal Jeevan Mission is a very ambitious project of the Government of India and the state of Chhattisgarh is keen to complete the same, so as to ensure that clean drinking water is available to every household. The above submissions and documents may kindly be taken on records of the case.”

Mr. Mishra, learned Deputy Solicitor General submits that though funds have been sanctioned, as the Cabinet meeting could not be held, the same could not be allocated to the State. Hence, he prays for four weeks time as last opportunity to seek

instructions and make appropriate submissions before this Court.

Prayer is allowed.

Let the matter be listed after four weeks.

Sd/-
(Bibhu Datta Guru)
JUDGE

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
CHIEF JUSTICE