



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 on Board

31/10/2025	This is an office reference. Heard Mr. Y.S. Thakur, learned Additional Advocate General for the State. Also heard Mr. Ramakant Mishra, learned Deputy Solicitor General of India along with Mr. Risabh Dev Singh, Standing counsel for the Union of India; and Ms. Sweksha Sharma, learned counsel for the intervener. Learned counsel for the Union of India submitted that since the Central Cabinet meeting has not been held on this issue, the funds could not be released.

This Court observed that even on the last date of hearing, learned counsel for the Union of India had submitted that though the funds had been sanctioned, due to the non-holding of the Cabinet meeting, the same could not be allocated to the State.

From the affidavit filed by the Union of India on the last date of hearing, it is evident that substantial progress has been achieved under the Jal Jeevan Mission in the State of Chhattisgarh. The data reflects continuous expansion of infrastructure, the number of villages certified as Har Ghar Jal has increased from 3,266 to 4,017; about 1,000 new water sources have been identified and developed; 737 additional Over Head Tanks have been constructed; and more than 1,200 new solar pumps have been installed between April and September 2025. This steady progress indicates that the Mission is being implemented in a time-bound and result-oriented manner. However, to maintain this momentum and ensure completion of the remaining works, continuous financial inflow is essential. Since a considerable portion of the sanctioned amount is still awaited, timely

release of funds has become necessary to avoid disruption of ongoing projects and to achieve the ultimate objective of providing safe and adequate drinking water to every household in the State.

This Court hopes and trusts that concerned authority shall take necessary steps by intimating the fact as narrated for release of the sanctioned funds at the earliest, as the completion of the projects is being adversely affected due to the non-availability of funds.

List this case on 08/12/2025

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(Bibhu Datta Guru)
Judge

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(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice