



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

16/12/2025	This is an office reference. Heard Mr. Shashank Thakur, learned Dy. Advocate General appearing for the State/respondents, Mr. R.K. Mishra, learned DSGI alongwith Mr. Tushar Dhar Diwan, learned CGC for the respondents/ UoI and Ms. Aditi Singhvi, learned counsel for the intervenor. At the very outset, learned counsel for Union of India has produced a copy of letter dated 16/06/2025 issued by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, National Jal Jivan Mission, before this Court, which is taken on record, whereby it has been stated that all the Additional Chief Secretaries, Parliament Secretaries and Secretaries-in-Charge, Rural Water Supply, Public Health Engineering Department, have

been apprised that so far as the expenditure of *Jal Jivan Mission* is concerned, the funds will be released to regular stage only after taking approval of the competent authority for the extension of *Jal Jivan Mission*. It is further stated that though the funds have been sanctioned, but the decision of the Union Cabinet is awaiting. However, the State has been requested to continue the work from their own resources, as soon as the funds is released by the Union of India with respect to the *Jal Jivan Mission* and the same would be sent to the State but the letter which is being produced before this Court is of dated 16/06/2025 and on 08/12/2025, this Court has passed an order requesting the Union of India to comply with the direction contained in the order dated 31/10/2025 passed by this Court.

However, considering the submission made by the counsel for the Union of India, further six weeks' time is granted to the counsel for UoI to apprise the latest situation regarding release of the funds.

Let the matter be listed in the month of February, 2026.

Sd/-
(Bibhu Datta Guru)
Judge

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice