



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPPIL No. 111 of 2024

In The Matter Of Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation

Versus

Union Of India & Others

Order Sheet

11/02/2026	This is an office reference. Heard Mr. Ramakant Mishra, learned Deputy Solicitor General and Ms. Annapurna Tiwari, learned counsel for the Union of India/respondent No. 1, Mr. Shashank Thakur, learned Additional Advocate General for the State/respondents No. 2 to 9, Mr. Ankit Singhal and Mr. Ashish Mittal, learned counsel for the respondent No. 10. On the last date of hearing i.e. on 21.02.2025, this Court had granted two week's time to the learned State counsel to submit lab report of the muroom excavated from the land in question. In compliance of the order dated 09.01.2025, the respondent/State has filed an affidavit of the Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, Department of Mines and Minerals,

the relevant portion of which reads as under:

"2. It is most humbly submitted by the deponent that the investigation team of the Department of Mining had collected Muroom samples from the Army land and colonies under construction. The Muroom samples collected were sent to the office of Executive Engineer, Public Works Department to investigate as to whether the Muroom used in the colonies is similar to that with a Muroom of the land allotted to the Army.

3. That, Muroom samples of under construction colonies i.e. Fortune Buildcon, Ameya Ventures and M/s Sunrise Associates were sent for test along with the samples of the land of the Army. As far as colony Indu Imagica is concerned, the management of the colony submitted Kacchi Parchi (Transporting) stating that the Muroom which was left over by the Dilip Buildcon in construction of highway was used for construction of roads of the colony A fine of Rs. 6,88,848/- was imposed on Indu Imagica as penalty for transportation without proper permits.

4. That, the Laboratory of the Public Works Department has conducted and submitted the result. Copy of the result submitted by the Public Works Department is filed herewith as ANNEXURE D/1 collectively.

5. That, copy of the test report has been sent to the Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, Department of Mineral Resources along with a report by the Collector, Bilaspur. According to the report, samples

Amit	<i>of the Muroom of the three colonies are not similar to that of Muroom of the Army land. A copy of the report dated 03.03.2025 is filed herewith as ANNEXURE D/2.</i> <i>6. It is respectfully submitted that the Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue), Bilha, Distt. Bilaspur has constituted a committee with the intention to prevent any illegal. excavation of Muroom in an around Chakarbhata Airport. The members of the committee is inclusive of personnel from Department of Revenue and the Police, who on a rotational basis would extend their duties in preventing illegal mining of Muroom A copy of letter dated 26.12 2024 issued by the Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue), Bilha, Distt. Bilaspur as ANNEXURE D/3.</i> <i>7. It is respectfully submitted that all efforts are being made to prevent any reoccurrence of illegal mining of Muroom in an around the Chakarbhata Airport. The Department of Mining is also registering the cases of illegal excavation and transportation of Muroom in the subject area to ensure effective check of illegal mining. excavation and storage of minor minerals.”</i> Let this matter be listed again for further monitoring on 22nd April, 2026. Sd/- (Ravindra Kumar Agrawal) JUDGE Sd/- (Ramesh Sinha) CHIEF JUSTICE
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