



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPPIL No. 99 of 2025

In the matter of Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation

versus

The State of Chhattisgarh & Others

Order Sheet

13/11/2025	This is an office reference. Heard Mr. Yashwant Singh Thakur, learned Additional Advocate General, appearing for the State/respondents. Learned State counsel submits that this Court, vide order dated 10.11.2025, had directed the Secretary, Public Works Department, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur to file his personal affidavit. In compliance thereof, Secretary has filed his personal affidavit on 12.11.2025.

The relevant portion of the aforesaid affidavit reads as under:

“3. It is respectfully submitted that two lifts are installed in new Composite Building, Collectorate Bilaspur. One lift was installed recently and has been made operational on 10.11.2025. The Electrical Safety Department has inspected the new lift and has granted safety certificate on 10.11.2025 itself. A copy of safety certificate dated 10.11.2025 is filed herewith as **ANNEXURE D/1**.

As regards to other old lift is concerned which is presently non-functional due to mechanical defects. The concerned company has inspected the lift and has ordered for replacement of the defective mechanical part. The mechanical part has been ordered to be delivered from Ahemdabad, Gujarat and the same is awaited. It is expected that the second lift would be repaired and be functional within the coming 15 days. Thus, both the lifts would be functional within the coming 15 days.

4. It is respectfully submitted that the composite building is part of the District Collectorate and is under the management

and supervision of the District Magistrate. The deponent has issued letter dated 12.11.2205 to the District Magistrate Bilaspur informing him of the order dated 10.11.2025 passed by the Hon'ble Court and asking him to arrange for basic amenities within the composite building. Copy of letter dated 12.11.2025 is filed herewith as **ANNEXURE D/2.**"

From perusal of the affidavit, it appears that that a new lift has been made operational, and the old lift, which was non-functional, will be made functional after necessary repairs within 15 days. As regards the other amenities, the same fall within the domain of the Collector / District Magistrate, Bilaspur.

The Collector/District Magistrate, Bilaspur is, therefore, directed to ensure that the basic amenities are provided to the composite building and shall also file his personal affidavit by the next date.

A fresh affidavit has also been filed by the Secretary, Public Works Department, Government of

Chhattisgarh regarding the old lift being made functional within 15 days.

Let the matter be listed before this Court on **27.11.2025** for consideration of the affidavits to be filed by the Secretary, Public Works Department, Government of Chhattisgarh and the Collector / District Magistrate, Bilaspur.

A copy of this order be forwarded to the Secretary, Public Works Department, Government of Chhattisgarh and the Collector / District Magistrate, Bilaspur through the learned State Counsel for information and necessary action, forthwith.

Sd/-
(Bibhu Datta Guru)
Judge

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(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice