

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****WPIL No. 103 of 2025**

In the matter of Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation

Versus

State of Chhattisgarh & Others

Order Sheet

15/12/2025	This is an office reference. Heard Mr. Shashank Thakur, learned Deputy Advocate General, appearing for the State/respondent Nos.1, 4 & 5, Mr. Amrito Das, learned counsel, appearing for respondent No.2/ C.G. Environment Conservation Board, Dr. Veena Nair, learned counsel, appearing for respondent No.3/ Central Pollution Control Board as well as Mr. Anadi Sharma, learned counsel, appearing for respondent No.6 / Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Bilaspur. This Court has taken suo moto cognizance of the news report published today in Hindi Daily, namely,



	Dainik Bhaskar with a heading “ कालिका नगर में खुले में जला रहे कचरा, फेल रहा प्रदूषण” Aforesaid news goes to state that there is great resentment among the local residents due to the daily burning of garbage near the Gramin Bank in Kalika Nagar of Bilaspur Ward No.7. According to the residents of the area, some people set fire to the garbage heaps every morning and evening, the smoke from which spreads throughout the area and increases pollution. Due to the smoke, a pungent smell spreads inside the houses and children and the elderly face difficulty in breathing. People told that complaints have been made to the Corporation many times, but the situation remains the same. Due to the Corporation workers not collecting the garbage on time, people try to destroy the garbage by setting it on fire themselves. Mr. Anadi Sharma, learned counsel, appearing for respondent No.6 / Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Bilaspur states that he may be allowed time to seek instructions in the matter.
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	Considering the issue involved in the present case as reported in the daily newspaper that some waste materials were found to be burnt due to which pollution is being caused to the residents which includes children and old people and are facing difficulty in breathing etc. In view of the above, the Collector, Bilaspur as well as Commissioner, Municipal Corporation are directed to file their personal affidavit with respect to the aforesaid news item. Let the matter be listed in the 17.12.2025. Learned State counsel shall communicate this order to the Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh as well as Collector, Bilaspur and Commissioner, Municipal, Corporation, Bilaspur for necessary information and follow of action. Sd/- (Bibhu Datta Guru) Judge Sd/- (Ramesh Sinha) Chief Justice
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