

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****WPPIL No. 86 of 2024**

In the matter of Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation

Versus

State of Chhattisgarh & Others

Order Sheet

24/10/2024	<p>This is an office reference.</p> <p>Heard Mr. Prafull N. Bharat, learned Advocate General, assisted by Mr. Shashank Thakur, learned Deputy Advocate General, appearing for the State and Mr. Vivek Sharma, learned counsel, appearing for respondents No. 4 & 6.</p> <p>This suo moto public interest litigation has been registered on the basis of news item published in Dainik Bhaskar, Raipur dated dated 24th October, 2024 with a heading “प्रतिमाओं के विसर्जन के बाद खारून कुंड को साफ नहीं</p>

किया गया”

The aforesaid news goes to show that after immersion of idols in the tank built on the banks of Kharun river, the remains have been left there. The soil and structures of the idols are kept there. The water has dried up and it has turned into swamp. The children of the area are getting into this swampy tank and playing there. There is no one to restrain them. In such a situation, even a small mistake can lead to a dangerous situation. The Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation has given instructions to immediately clean the tank and empty the water after immersion. The photograph published in the newspaper shows a very sorry state of affairs with regard to the water bodies which needs to be kept clean from all sorts of pollutants.

It has been submitted by the learned Advocate General that the District Magistrate, Raipur has already taken steps for cleaning the area where the immersion has taken place after the Dusshera festival.

In view of the above facts and circumstances, the

Secretary, Urban Administration and Development Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur (C.G.) is directed to file his personal affidavit with respect to each District of the entire State where the immersion has taken place to show that the area has been cleaned or not. The District Magistrate/Collector, Raipur shall also file his personal affidavit with respect to the District of Raipur.

Let this matter be listed again alongwith the reports/affidavits of the authorities as aforesaid, on **08.11.2024**.

**Sd/-
(Bibhu Datta Guru)
Judge**

**Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice**