



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPPIL No. 14 of 2025

In The Matter Of Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation Based On News Item Publised In Daily News Paper Haribhoomi, Raipur, Dated 20.01.2025, Namely, Gale Me Fasa Dhaga, Khun Se Lathpath Bachche Ko Le Gaye Aspatal, Par Bacha Nhi Paye, Chinese Manjhe Ne Bujha Diya Ghar Ka Chirag, Pita Ke Sath Garden Ja Rahe 7 Sal Ke Masum Ke Mouat.

... Petitioner(s)

versus

- 1** - State Of Chhattisgarh Through Chief Secretary, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nawa Raipur Chhattisgarh.
- 2** - Secretary Chhattisgarh Culture Department, Mahanadi Bhawan Atal Nagar, Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh.
- 3** - Deputy Secretary Govt. Of Chhattisgarh, Awas Avam Pariyavaran Vibhag, Mahanadi Bhawan Atal Nagar, Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh.
- 4** - Collector Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh.
- 5** - Superintendent Of Police Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh.
- 6** - Commissioner Municipal Corporation, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

... Respondents

Order Sheet

20/01/2025	<p>This is an office reference.</p> <p>The present Public Interest Litigation has been registered suo moto on the basis of a news item published on 20.01.2025 in Haribhoomi Newspaper, Raipur with a heading “चाइनीज मांझे ने बुझा दिया घर का चिराग, पिता के साथ गार्डन जा रहे 7 साल के मासूम की मौत” and sub-heading “गले में फंसा धागा, खून से लथपथ बच्चे को ले गए अस्पताल, पर बचा नहीं पाए” and in Dainik Bhaskar Bilaspur Aanchalik Newspaper with a heading “चीनी मांझा ने ली मासूम की जान, पिता के साथ गार्डन जा रहे 7 साल के बच्चे का गला मांझा में फसने से कटा”.</p> <p>Heard Mr.Shashank Thakur, learned Deputy Advocate General appearing for respondents No.1 to 5/State and Mr.H.B.Agrawal, learned Senior Advocate assisted by Ms.Priti Yadav, learned counsel appearing for respondent No.6.</p> <p>It has been reported in Haribhumi Newspaper that the name of the child who lost his life after getting entangled in Chinese manjha was Pushkar. The father of this child, Dhanesh Sahu, a resident of Laxminagar, is an automobile mechanic by</p>
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profession. The incident took place near Radhakrishna Temple in Tikrapara Police Station Area. According to Dhanesh, his son started crying loudly after the manjha got stuck in his neck, then he stopped the motor-cycle and looked at the child, a strong stream of blood was flowing from his neck. Meanwhile, the people around rushed to help and arranged for an ambulance and took the child to the hospital for treatment. The child had died before reaching the hospital. Pushkar was the youngest of two brothers. He was studying in second class. After the incident the child's mother is crying badly. Even after Pushkar's death, his mother is not ready to return from the hospital and she kept insisting to stay with her son.

In the newsreport published in Dainik Bhaskar, it has been stated that a 7 year old child died due to Chinese Manjha at 5 P.M. on Sunday evening at Pachpedi Naka in the capital. The child is going for a walk in the garden with his father. Suddenly a Chinese Manjha flew and got stuck in the child's neck. In a short while, the child was covered in blood. People present nearby immediately took the child to the nearest hospital. When he could not be treated there, he was taken to a children's hospital, but the staff present there also refused to treat him. The child was then brought to Ambedkar Hospital where he died during treatment at

8 P.M. At the same time, a woman lawyer in Devendra Nagar and a young man in Budhapara also got seriously injured by Chinese thread.

Dhanesh Sahu, a resident of Pirda, is a car mechanic. He lives in a rented house in Santoshi Nagar. He works in a car showroom. Dhanesh broke down while talking to Bhaskar. He held the police and administration responsible for his son's death because despite the ban, Chinese Manjha is being sold openly in the city. Crying, he told that he has two sons. The elder son was Falesh Sahu (12) and the younger one was Pushkar Sahu (7). The younger son Pushkar studied in the first class. He insisted on going to the garden on Sunday evening. He had left on the moped to go Katora Talab Garden in the evening. The neighbour's daughter was also with him. He was coming to Pachpedinaka from under Santoshinagar bridge. A Manjha came flying near the bridge. Pushkar was standing in the front of the moped. Manjha got stuck in his neck. As soon as the moped moved forward, the string tightened around his neck. Pushkar screamed loudly, then he stopped the moped. When he looked, blood was flowing from his neck. The cloth was stained with blood. He stopped the moped in a hurry. He was not able to understand anything. He started crying. People around came running. They picked up

Pushkar, put him in an auto and took him to the nearest hospital. They refused to treat him there. Then he was taken to the hospital of children of Baronbazar. It was said that there were not enough resources for treatment. Then he picked up Pushkar and took him to Ambedkar Hospital where the doctors started treatment, but Pushkar died after some time. His throat was badly cut by manjha.

Learned Deputy Advocate General appearing for respondents No.1 to 5/State submits that the Housing and Environment Department, State of Chhattisgarh has issued the notification for banning of “**Chinese Manjha**” and “**Chinese thread**” on 25.02.2017.

Considering the aforesaid facts situation, the Chief Secretary, State of Chhattisgarh, Raipur is directed to show-cause as to why despite of the notification which has been issued by the Housing and Environment Department, State of Chhattisgarh on 25.02.2017 with respect to “**Chinese Manjha**” and “**Chinese thread**” being banned by the State, how the same is being available in the market and it is sold by the persons and are being used to fly kites etc. by the persons in the State and what action has been taken by the State inspite of ban and also specify whether any compensation has been paid to the family

members of 7 years old child who lost their son and a woman lawyer in Devendra Nagar and a young man in Budhapara also got seriously injured by Chinese manjha and also report to this Court as to how many incidents taken place in the past.

List this matter on **29.01.2025**.

Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
JUDGE

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
CHIEF JUSTICE

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