



## HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

### WPPIL No. 25 of 2025

In The Matter Of Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation Non-Functioning Of State Bar Council Of Chhattisgarh.

**... Petitioner(s)**

**versus**

**1** - State Of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary, Department Of Law And Legislative Affairs, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

**2** - Bar Council Of India Through Its Secretary, New Delhi.

**3** - State Bar Council Of Chhattisgarh Through Its Governing Body, High Court Premises, Bodari, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

**4** - High Court Bar Association Bilaspur Chhattisgarh. Through Its Secretary, High Court Premises, Bodari, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

**... Respondent(s)**

### Order Sheet

<b>06/02/2025</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">This is an office reference.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The non-functioning of the State Bar Council of Chhattisgarh has led to registration of this suo moto public interest litigation. Because of non-functioning of the State Bar</p>

Council of Chhattisgarh, admission of the Advocates, maintaining the rolls, determining the misconduct, protecting rights, promoting law reforms, conducting seminars, publication of journals, organizing legal aid, managing funds provided for elections, visiting Universities, organizing welfare schemes, establishing law libraries, etc. have been stopped since 2021.

This suo-moto public interest litigation has been registered as the State

Heard Mr. Y.S.Thakur, learned Additional Advocate General for the State/respondent No. 1, Mr. Shivang Dubey, learned counsel for the respondent No. 2/Bar Council of India as well as Mr. Palash Tiwari, learned counsel for the respondent No. 3/State Bar Council.

When a query was put to the learned counsel for the respondent No. 3 as to when was the last election held, Mr. Tiwari submits that the term of the body elected lastly came to an end on 02.02.2021 and after expiry of the term, no fresh elections have taken place and the said situation had arisen because of failure in the verification rules. The Bar Council of India had constituted a Special Committee for looking after the affairs of the State Bar Council. Mr. Tiwari submits that the State Bar Council had been writing to the Bar Council of India for appointment of observer and the returning officer for conducting the elections but nothing has been done till date. It is the Bar

Council of India who has to facilitate in conducting the elections.

In response, Mr. Shivang Dubey submits that since he has received the brief yesterday evening itself, some time may be granted to seek further instructions and make appropriate submissions before this Court.

Let the matter be listed again on **12.02.2025**. Before the said date, learned counsel for the parties may file their response, if any.

Sd/-  
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)  
**JUDGE**

Sd/-  
(Ramesh Sinha)  
**CHIEF JUSTICE**

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