



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPPIL No. 27 of 2025

In The Matter Of Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation Regarding News Item Published In Dainik Bhaskar, Bilaspur Bhaskar Dated 6th February, 2025, Namely, 'निगम ऐसी नाली बना रहा है कि 15 परिवार के 50 लोग अपने ही घरों में कैद'

... Petitioner

versus

- 1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through Chief Secretary, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nawa Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- 2 - Secretary Urban Administration And Development Department, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nawa Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- 3 - Secretary Nagar Vikas Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nawa Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- 4 - Collector Bilaspur District- Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh
- 5 - Commissioner Municipal Corporation Bilaspur, District- Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh

... Respondent(s)

Order Sheet

07/02/2025	<p>This is an office reference.</p> <p>This suo moto public interest litigation petition has been</p>

registered on the basis of news report published in Hindi Daily Newspaper, namely, Dainik Bhaskar, on 06.02.2025 with a caption 'निगम ऐसी नाली बना रहा है कि 15 परिवार के 50 लोग अपने ही घरों में कैद'. A photograph has also been published alongwith the said newsreport which states that just before coming into force the model code of conduct, the Municipal Corporation, Bilaspur, has issued work order with respect to the tender floated for construction of drainage in Ward No. 19, Kasturba nagar. The contractor has started the digging work and the rubble and debris are lying on the road which is causing obstruction in commuting through the said street and the people living in the locality are constrained to remain inside their houses which has created a situation of house arrest for 15 families. The length of the drain is about 70 meters but no temporary arrangements have been made by the contractor concerned to facilitate entering into the house as a long trench has been dug. The present Ward Councillor is busy in the forthcoming Municipal elections and no one is taking the matter seriously. Even the authorities have turned deaf ears.

The photograph shows a very pathetic situation of the area where there is no space even for walking.

Heard Mr. Y.S.Thakur, learned Additional Advocate General for the State/respondents No. 1 to 4 as well as Mr. A.S.Kachhwaha, learned counsel for the respondent No. 5/

Municipal Corporation, Bilaspur.

Mr. Thakur submits that since the area falls under the Municipal Corporation, Bilaspur, it would be for them to take note of the situation.

When confronted with the aforesaid situation, Mr. Kachhwaha has placed before this Court a photograph of the same place and states that the rubble and debris have been cleaned and now the street is walkable. He further states that he may be granted some time to seek instructions and file his response.

Though from perusal of the photograph produced by Mr. Kachhwaha, it seems that some cleaning has been done, but in the same photograph, it is clearly visible that in the one end of the road, a pile of rubble is still lying which means that the said road has not been properly cleaned.

Hence, at this stage, we deem it appropriate to direct the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Bilaspur to file his personal affidavit with respect to the above issue before the next date of hearing.

In the meantime, the State/respondents No. 1 to 4 may also file their response.

List this matter for further monitoring on **24.02.2025**.

Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
JUDGE

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(Ramesh Sinha)
CHIEF JUSTICE

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