



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

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RAJENDRA
BHANARKAR

WPPIL No. 22 of 2016

C. V. Bhagvant Rao **versus** Union Of India

**WPC/3567/2025,WPC/3569/2025,WPC/3572/2025,WPC/
3570/2025,WPC/3573/2025,WPC/3574/2025,WPC/414/2026,WPC/
2345/2022,WPC/4588/2025,WPC/3095/2025,WPC/
3106/2025,WPC/3107/2025,WPC/3112/2025**

Order Sheet

04/04/2026	<p>Heard Mr. Devershi Thakur, learned counsel for the petitioner as well as Mr.P.K.Bhaduri, learned Deputy Advocate General appearing for the State, Mr. Ashish Shrivastava, learned Senior Advocate assisted by Mr. Rahul Ambast, learned counsel appearing for respondents No.34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41 & 47 and learned counsel for the petitioner in WPC</p>

No.2345/2022, Rishabh Gupta, learned counsel appearing for respondents No.33 & 46 and Mr.Ghanshyam Patel, learned counsel appearing for respondent No.42.

Though today is a non-working day of the Court, but considering the seriousness of the news report published today in *Haribhumi Bilaspur Bhumi*, i.e., शिक्षा सत्र शुरू भी हो गया, गरीब बच्चों का एडमिशन तो छोड़िए, 16 हजार आवेदनों की जांच तक नहीं हो सकी regarding the commencement of the new academic session in the State from April 1 and the slow progress of the admission process for Class 1 under the RTE (Right to Education) Act where, out of 38,438 applications received, only 23,766 (62%) have been verified so far, leaving more than 16,000 applications pending, and in several districts less than 10% of the applications have been verified; further noting that the Directorate of Public Instruction (DPI) had fixed the timeline for registration and nodal verification from February 16 to March 31, which remains incomplete even after the

deadline, allegedly due to the slow pace of verification at the nodal principal level, thereby affecting the subsequent admission process; and further considering that nodal verification of pending applications has not been completed on time in most districts, with disparities between the number of applications received and available seats, and that school allotment through a lottery is scheduled between April 13 and 17 but may be delayed due to incomplete verification, causing inconvenience to parents who may be required to make repeated visits, this Court has taken *suo motu cognizance* of the said news report and has assembled to hear the matter today itself, though the PIL was earlier fixed for 8th April, 2026, as per the order of this Court dated 24.03.2026.

Considering the aforesaid facts, the Joint Secretary, School Education Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, who was earlier directed to file an affidavit, is also directed to file an affidavit with regard to the news items published and the steps taken in this

regard.

List this matter on **8th April, 2026**, as ordered by this Court on 24.03.2026.

Sd/-

(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge

Sd/-

(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice