



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPIL No. 27 of 2024

In the Matter of Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation

versus

The State Of Chhattisgarh & Others

Order Sheet

05/08/2025	<p>This is an office reference.</p> <p>Heard Mr. Y.S.Thakur, learned Additional Advocate General for the State/respondents No. 1 to 7, Mr. Raghavendra Pradhan, learned counsel for the respondent No. 8 as well as Mr. Palash Tiwari and Ms. Palak Dwivedi, learned Court Commissioners.</p> <p>On the last date of hearing, i.e. on 10.06.2025, this matter was directed to be listed in the month of August, 2025.</p> <p>On 13.07.2025, a news has been published in Hindi Daily, Haribhoomi with a heading “लल [kjkc ,ल] jftLVs’ku ल ydj</p>

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The aforesaid news relates to the pathetic condition prevailing in the various big hospitals of the State, especially in the capital city Raipur. Majority of population of the State does not have the financial capacity to afford expensive treatment in private hospitals and their health services mainly depend upon the Government Hospitals, however, the patients are facing lot of difficulties right from the time of registration till meeting of the Doctor. The situation in the State’s biggest hospital AIIMS, Raipur, is very pathetic as after registration of a patient, it took almost 48 hours to reach the Doctor. There are big queue and much time of the patients are being wasted waiting for their turn. After checkups, the surgeries are being done after four months and as such, the patients are suffering unnecessarily apart from their own ailments. For getting X-ray done, the patients are required to wait for three long hours.

Another news is published on 24.07.2025 in Navbharat with a heading “ins’k d: ljdkjh vLirkyk esa tx yx lftdy ēyM] xjhck

services of the Doctors. The patients are made to stand in queue since 9 a.m. but the Doctors are do not reach the CHC till 11 a.m. No gayenic, orthopaedic, dental or paediatric Doctor was available and when two Doctors reached the hospital by 11:00 a.m., till that time, more than 250 patients had assembled. X-ray machine is available for the last one year but is lying unused covered with a sheet.

The version of the CMHO, Health Department, has been published who stated that there are sufficient staff in the CHC Bilha and if any dereliction of duties is found, appropriate action would be taken against the delinquent.

There is surgical ward also in the said CHC but the patients are scared of getting any treatment there because at night, no Doctor remains present despite the fact that it is mandatory of the Doctors to be available 24 hours. Lakhs of rupees have been spent for installation of 'Hamar Lab' where 71 different types of tests could be conducted and reports could be obtained in minutes but since reagents are not being supplied from the CGMSC, various tests like hematology, microbiology, serology, biochemistry, lipid profile, thyroid, vitamin, are not being conducted and at present, on 11 to 12 tests are being conducted.

Hence, we deem it appropriate to direct the Secretary, Health Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, to file his personal affidavit with respect to the above news reports.

Let this matter be listed again on **12th August, 2025**.

The learned State counsel is directed to send a copy of this order to the Secretary, Health Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, forthwith.

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(Bibhu Datta Guru)
JUDGE

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(Ramesh Sinha)
CHIEF JUSTICE

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