



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPIL No. 21 of 2025

In The Matter Of Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation

Versus

State Of Chhattisgarh & Others

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04/12/2025	Heard Mr. Shashank Thakur, learned Deputy Advocate General for the State/respondent. In compliance of the order dated 02.12.2025, the Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh has filed his personal affidavit on 03/12/2025, the relevant portion of the same is reproduced hereinbelow: <i>“3. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that in the present PIL on earlier occasions affidavits have been filed wherein it has been stated that detailed instructions have been issued by the Police Head quarters to all the concerned police stations to take strict actions against the persons who are found involved in performing stunts on the national highways/ roads and celebrating birthdays on public roads. It has further been stated in the last affidavit that the deponent took meeting of all the senior bureaucrats and police officials of the</i>

said to review the various measures under taken for compliance of the necessary directions issued by the Hon'ble High Court on the present subject matter as well as in other issues which are directly related with the necessary directions.

4. The deponent most respectfully submits that, as far as the first incident which pertains to Bilaspur is concerned the news with respect to the stunt being performed in the River View road become viral on 28.11.2025 and on the basis of the video footage the police on its own registered the FIR after identifying the occurrence and the persons involved in the alleged act vide FIR No. 1409 of 2025, dated 28.11.2025 under section 281, 3(5) of the BNS, 2023 and 184 & 189 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1989. A copy of the FIR No. 1409/2025 is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/1.

5. It is further submitted that on the same day the persons who were involved in the incident were arrested. A copy of the arrest memo of all the three persons is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/2. It is further submitted that the police has also seized car involved in the incident. A copy of the seizure memo is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/3. The deponent most respectfully submits that the persons who was driving the car namely Prasun Yadav was not having a valid driving license. hence, the police has also arrayed the owner of the car as an accused. It is further submitted

that the drone camera which was being used for shooting has also been seized. It is further submitted that apart from registration of FIR preventive action has also been taken against the accused persons and Istegasa has been submitted before the City Magistrate on 28.11.2025 itself. A copy of the Istegasa is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/4.

6. That, it is necessary to inform that till date total 11 cases have been registered against the act of stunts being performed on the roads/national highways in Bilaspur District and in all these cases total 33 vehicles have been seized and 17 driving license have been suspended. It is further submitted that total 4 cases have been registered with respect to celebration of birthdays on public roads/ highways in Bilaspur district. A copy of the details of such cases in a chart form is being annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/5.

7. As far as the second incident is concerned the same pertains to the Police Station Baikhunthpur wherein, it has been reported that birthday was celebrated on the public road in presence of Block Medical Officer. It is submitted that the news item that the incident occurred on 28.11.2025 at about 11:30 PM and the video surfaced in the social media platform as well as news was published on 29.11.2025 and taking cognizance of the same the police of Police Station Baikhunthpur, promptly registered FIR on 29.11.2025 itself. It is submitted that the

FIR was registered against Dr. Aneeth Kumar Bakhla and one Altamas under section 285, 288, 3(5) of the BNS and section 122 & 177 of the Motor Vehicles Act. A copy of the FIR registered is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/6.

8. The concerned Block Medical Officer was informed by the Police after registration of the FIR and was asked to cooperate, however when called alongwith the vehicle he did not extended cooperation hence, the police issued a notice under section 35(A)(2) (II) of the BNS, 2023. A copy of the notice dated 01.12.2025 is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/7. That, after the receipt of the notice the accused reported to the police station alongwith the vehicle wherein both the accused persons were formally arrested and the vehicle was seized. A copy of the seizure memo of the vehicle as well as the driving license is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/8.

9. The deponent most respectfully submits that the police vide letter dated 03.12.2025 has made a request to the Regional Transport Officer, Baikhunthapur for suspension of driving licence of Dr. Aneeth Kumar Bakhla. A copy of the letter dated 03.12.2025 is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/9. It is submitted that the charge of Block Medical Officer has been withdrawn from the concerned post vide order dated 02.12.2025 issued by the Chief Medical Officer, District- Koriya. A copy of the order

dated 02.12.2025 is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/10. That, it is further most respectfully submitted that the Chief Medical and Health Officer on 29.11.2025 itself has issued a showcause notice to the concerned employee for alleged misconduct. A copy of the showcasue notice dated 29.11.2025 is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/11.

10. It is further submitted that the Chief Medical and Health Officer vide its letter dated 03.12.2025 has informed the Director Health Service about the registration of FIR against the Dr. Aneeth Kumar Bakhla and has further recommended for appropriate action. A copy of the letter dated 03.12.2025 is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/12.

11. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that the District Magistrate, District-Koriya, Baikhunthapur vide letter dated 03.12.2025 is informed that way back on 28.10.2025, the Chief Municipal Officer, Nagar Palika Parishad, Baikhunthapur as requested all the cooperators to inform the residents of their respective area not to celebrate birthdays or any program on the public road. A copy of the letter dated 03.12.2025 issued by the District Magistrate, District- Koriya alongwith the letter dated 28.10.2025 is annexed herewith collectively as ANNEXURE D/13 (Colly.).

12. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that it has been informed from the

District Administration, Baikhunthpur that hoardings and banners have been installed in public places, giving clear notice/information to the public not to celebrate birthdays or any program in the public places or roads without permission and further, this information has also been played through loud speaker, so that public is made aware that no such act should be done which causes obstructions on the road. A copy of the photographs demonstrating the same is being annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D/14.

13. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that apart from taking strict legal action against the persons involved in the above mentioned activities, it is necessary to spread awareness amongst the people and the same can be done by integration of civic education and social ethics. It is most respectfully submitted that in order to achieve the said objective various awareness drives are being run with an object of community engagement and for the above mentioned purposes the social media is used in a large scale apart from making one to one with the contact with the common public so that sense of good behavior and collective responsibility is inculcated and for this the police is taking every possible measures.

14. The deponent most respectfully submits that every possible steps under the law would be taken to curb the menace, so that no

inconvenience is caused to the public at large.”

Perusal of above affidavit would go to show that the two incidents which have been reported recently, action has been taken against the persons concerned and their respective vehicles have also been seized. Further, the social awareness has also been done through various stakeholders for not celebrating birthday parties on National Highways and not to perform stunts with their vehicles. Learned State counsel would submit that appropriate steps have been initiated against the BMO for suspension of his driving licence and also contemplate the departmental proceedings against him.

However, in spite of the efforts to bring awareness among the public at large, such incidents continue to occur repeatedly.

This Court hopes and trusts that all the stakeholders of the State— including the law-enforcement agencies, District Administration, Municipal bodies, Transport Authorities, Educational Institutions, and other public authorities shall make earnest endeavour to disseminate adequate awareness amongst the public at large from time to time.

Such awareness may be generated through all available modes, including print and electronic media, radio broadcasts, display of signboards at prominent public places

and highways, circulation of advisories through social media platforms, organization of seminars, workshops, and community-interaction programmes, and any other effective means of communication. The objective of these measures shall be to sensitize the citizens regarding the grave risks and consequences associated with celebrating birthdays, performing stunts, or indulging in any such activities on public roads, highways, or any place meant for public use. These acts not only obstruct free movement of traffic but also create potential hazards to the life and safety of other road users, thereby compromising public order and civic discipline.

This Court further expects that the citizens of the State shall act with a sense of responsibility, maintain civic sense, and strictly adhere to the rules, regulations, and laws governing road safety and public conduct, as well as comply with the instructions issued by the State authorities and its instrumentalities, including the directions issued by this Court from time to time.

Any deviation or violation thereof shall render the offenders liable for appropriate criminal action under the relevant statutory provisions. Further, it is made clear that such violators may also be proceeded against under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, for deliberate and willful disobedience of the directions issued by this Court.

As the matter was earlier fixed for hearing on 08/01/2026, however, considering the two recent incidents, we have preponed the matter for further monitoring.

Accordingly, the matter be listed on **19/12/2025**.

It is made clear that the vehicles so seized in respect of aforesaid two incidents shall not be released without the leave of this Court.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Chattisgarh, shall inform this Court on the next date of hearing about the action taken against the BMO.

Registrar (Judicial) and learned State Counsel are directed to communicate a copy of this order to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Chattisgarh, forthwith for necessary action.

Sd/-

(Bibhu Datta Guru)
Judge

Sd/-

(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice

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