

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
AT INDORE

WP No. 50628 of 2025

WP/50641/2025, WP/247/2026, WP/496/2026

Dated : 20-01-2026

Shri Ajay Bagadia learned senior counsel alongwith Ms.Shirin Selawat, learned counsel for the petitioner.

Shri Ritesh Inani and Shri Kuldeep Pathak - Advocates for the petitioners.

Shri Ashish Yadav - AAG, with Shri Rahul Sethi - AAG, Shri Sudeep Bhargava Dy.AG and Shri Aditya Garg Govt. Advocate for respondent/State.

Shri Sunil Kumar Jain - learned Senior Advocate with Shri Rishi Tiwari - Advocate for respondents No.2 and 3/Corporation.

Shri Neeraj Kumar Soni, learned counsel for the respondent/Intervenor.

Shri Vibhor Khandelwal, learned counsel for the respondent/Intervenor

Shri Anil Ojha, learned counsel for the respondent/Intervenor

Shri Abhinav Dhanodkar, learned counsel for the respondent/Intervenor.

Shri Anurag Jain, Chief Secretary through VC.

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Heard on IA No.559/2026, which is an application for impleadment of Indore Municipal Corporation and the Collector, Indore.

This petition is Public Interest Litigation relating to water contamination in Bhagirathpura in Indore Town.

Counsel for the respondent/State prays for and is granted time to argue on the said application.

This application may be considered on the next date.

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Shri Vibhor Khandelwal, counsel for the proposed intervenor submits that IA No.03/2026 has rendered infructuous as his grievance has already been redressed.

Accordingly, IA No.03/2026 is dismissed as having been rendered infructuous.

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Counsel for state stated that they have filed IA No.952/2026 for taking documents on record along with the order of State Government dated 19.1.2026 has been filed by which the Government has appointed a High Level Committee to inquire the causes of contamination of drinking water in Bhagirathpura and for measures required for prevention of recurrence of such incidents and also to ascertain the accountability of responsible officers/employees.

Counsel for the petitioners submitted that the said Committee is nothing but an eyewash to save the erring higher officers.

In regard to the status reports filed by the State and Indore Municipal Corporation regarding compliance with the interim directions of para 8 of the order dated 6.1.2026, they prayed for a short time to submit a counter to the same as according to them, the directions are not being complied with properly. They prayed for time to suggest the independent names for the

monitoring committee alongwith Collector to ensure the strict compliance of the interim order. They further argued that there is a possibility of manipulation of the original relevant record relating to the tender of laying a separate drinking water pipeline in Bhagirathpura and sample reports of M.P. Pollution Control Board.

The petitioners are granted time to file their response to the report of the state government and the corporation.

It is directed that the Collector, Indore and the Commissioner, Corporation, shall ensure that the relevant records relating to the subject matter of the petition and the record of tender of laying drinking water line in Bhagirathpura and the sample report, etc., are kept in safe custody.

The respondents shall continue to comply with the interim directions dated 06.01.2026 strictly and will submit a further progress report.

List the matter on 27.01.2026 at 02.30 pm.

The Chief Secretary of the State will address through VC.

(VIJAY KUMAR SHUKLA)
JUDGE

(ALOK AWASTHI)
JUDGE

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