



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	This is an office reference. 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. 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. On 13.07.2025, a news has been published in Hindi Daily, Haribhoomi with a heading “सबसे खराब एम्स, रजिस्ट्रेशन से लेकर

डाक्टर तक पहुंचने में लग गए 48 घंटे, अंबेडकर में जांच कराने माथापच्ची, डेंटल-डीकेएस में थोड़ी राहत” and sub heading “राजधानी के चार बड़े अस्पतालों में मरीज बनकर पहुंचे हरिभूमि के चार रिपोर्टर, रिस्पांस टाइम मिला गडबड”

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 “प्रदेश के सरकारी अस्पतालों में जंग लगे सर्जिकल ब्लेड, गरीबों

की जान से खिलवाड” and sub heading “सर्जिकल ब्लेड, सर्जिकल ग्लब्स, प्रेगनेंसी किट, इंजेक्शन और अमानक दवाओं की सप्लाई का सिलसिला रुक ही नहीं रहा, प्रदेश की जनता के स्वास्थ्य की अफसरों को चिंता नहीं”.

The aforesaid news portrays a very horrific situation and if the aforesaid news is correct, the fate of the patients can be very well understood. It raises a serious question on the functioning of the Health Department of the State as well as the CGMSC. The aforesaid news goes to state that the pregnancy kit which give faulty results, is being distributed. It has been reported that the company which supplied the defective materials have been directed not to supply any further materials but still inferior quality surgical items and medicines are being supplied. Some of the life saving drugs have been found to be of substandard quality which have failed in laboratory tests are also being supplied.

There is yet another news published in Haribhoomi today itself with a heading “डाक्टर नदारद, सोनोग्राफी ताले में बंद एक्स-रे मशीन साल भर से चादर में लिपटी” which is in respect of a Community Health Centre of Bilha Block, District Bilaspur. The said news states that there are total 15 Doctors but on Monday i.e. 04.08.2025, till 11:15 a.m., there was no Doctor available and despite there being sufficient staff, the patients are not getting

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.

Sd/-
(Bibhu Datta Guru)
JUDGE

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(Ramesh Sinha)
CHIEF JUSTICE