



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

Order Sheet

29/10/2025	This is an office reference. Heard Mr. Prafull N. Bharat, learned Advocate General, assisted by Mr. Shashank Thakur, learned Deputy Advocate General, appearing for the State. Learned Advocate General submits that this Court, vide order dated 13.10.2025, directed the Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, to file his personal affidavit. In compliance thereof, Chief Secretary has filed his personal affidavit on 28.10.2025, which is on record. The relevant portion of the said affidavit reads as under:
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“4. That, it is most respectfully submitted that the Director General of Police, State of Chhattisgarh pursuant to the cognizance taken by this Hon’ble Court in WPPIL No. 21/2025 has issued clear directions to all the Senior Superintendents of Police and Superintendents of Police of various districts across Chhattisgarh to under take all necessary efforts with respect to discouraging the public in performing stunts or celebrating birthdays on the road. Further, it has been directed to take prompt necessary action against the erring persons and to further spread awareness among the public at large. That, in the same line vide circular No. 6/2025 the Police Headquarters has issued detailed guidelines, both the documents have already been filed by the deponent along with the affidavit filed on 22.09.2025 (Annexure A/2 of the said affidavit).

5. That, the deponent further most respectfully submits that as far as the case reported in the social media with respect to the incident in Barsoor in concerned upon verification it was found that video footage of a lady performing stunt in a black Scorpio was actually uploaded on the social media for the first time in the September, 2023 and the same footage has resurfaced in the social media in the month of October, 2025. The Police on the basis of the

video footage tracked the vehicle and on 08.10.2025 an Istegasa was prepared bearing Istegasa No. 267/2025 against the erring vehicle driver under Section 184 of the Moto Vehicles Act, 1988 and a fine of Rs. 2,000/- has been imposed. It is further submitted that a fine of Rs. 300/- under Section 130(1)/177 of the Motor Vehicles Act has also been imposed upon the concerned person. A copy of the information provided by the police of Police Station, Barsoor is annexed herewith as **Annexure A/1**.

6. That, it is respectfully submitted that the police has also sent a proposal for suspension of the driving license of the arraying person (vehicle driver) and on the said request of the Police, the Regional Transport Officer, District Bastar, South Bastar (Dantewada), has issued notice to the concerned person on 17.10.2025 for hearing. Copy of the notice dated 17.10.2025 is annexed herewith as **Annexure A/2**.

7. That, as far as the matter with respect to the cutting of cake on the bonnet of the car in district Chirmiri in District Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur is concerned the Police promptly registered, an offence under Section 285, 125, 3(5) of the BNS Act and 122/177 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 against the persons

concerned, namely, Rajendra Das and his wife Alice Das. The Police has also seized the vehicle involved in the incident. The Police has submitted charge-sheet against the husband and wife duo. Copy of the charge-sheet is annexed herewith as **Annexure A/3**. That, it has been further submitted that the proposal/request for suspension of the driving license of the concerned persons has also been forwarded to the RTO and necessary action will be taken on the same. Copy of the letter dated 24.10.2025 is annexed herewith as **Annexure A/4**.

8. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that on 25.10.2025 a meeting of all the Divisional Commissioners, Inspector Generals of Police of all the regions in Chhattisgarh, all the District Collectors and Superintendents of Police was held under the Chairmanship of the Deponent for scrutiny and evaluating the steps taken by the administration on the various orders passed by the Hon'ble High Court for maintaining order in the society.

9. It is submitted that on 25.10.2025 the various directions issued by the Hon'ble High Court and the guidelines issued by the various agencies/departments of the government were taken up for review and it was resolved to

ensure proper implementation of the said guidelines/directives. It is most respectfully submitted that apart from scaling up the law enforcement efforts, the field officials have also been directed to elicit public participation and community activities and support & involvement of elected representatives and media personnel.

10. That, it was further directed that every department of the administration should work in close coordination to achieve the desired targets. It was further directed that a system should be developed having maximum 15-30 minutes response time mechanism for each and every complaint received with respect to the road safety and hooliganism on the road. A copy of the letter dated 24.10.2025 with respect to the meeting is annexed herewith as **Annexure A/5**.

11. That, the deponent most respectfully submits that the police is regularly taking action against the persons who are involved in the performance of such stunts on the vehicles or celebrating the birthday on the public highway/place and that all efforts are being made with respect to enforcement of traffic rules and the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act.”

From a perusal of the affidavit, it appears that the two incidents mentioned therein and the action

purportedly taken by the State are only an eye-wash. If such action is what the State considers adequate for violations of rules and regulations under the law, it would only demonstrate a careless effort on the part of the authorities, lacking seriousness to check such incidents wherein highways and public streets are being used for celebrating birthdays by affluent individuals as well as others.

As pointed out by the Chief Secretary in his affidavit, certain actions have been initiated; however, this Court is not satisfied with the same.

We hope and trust that the State shall act more consciously and by strict action as would be truly deterrent against those who commit such offences and violate the law, displaying the might of their money and power.

Accordingly, let a fresh affidavit be filed by the Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, disclosing the further steps proposed to be taken by the State to curb the repetition of such incidents.

Let the matter be listed before this Court on **21.11.2025** for consideration of the affidavit to be filed by the Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh.

A copy of this order be forwarded to the Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh through the learned State Counsel for information and necessary action forthwith.

**Sd/-
(Bibhu Datta Guru)
Judge**

**Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice**