

**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**

12/08/2025	<p>This is an office reference.</p> <p>Heard Ms. Surya Kawalkar Dangi and Mr. Palash Tiwari, learned Court Commissioner. Mr. Y.S. Thakur, learned Additional A.G. for the State/respondent and Mr. Raghvendra Pradhan, learned counsel for the respondent No.8.</p> <p>In compliance of the order dated 05/08/2025, the Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Chhattisgarh has filed two affidavits on 11/08/2025 with respect to CHC, Belha, District Bilaspur and Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital, Raipur,</p>

which are reproduced as under:-

CHC, Belha, District Bilaspur :

"1. That, the Hon'ble Court has taken cognizance on the news published in Haribhoomi on 05.08.2025 with a heading "डाक्टर नदारद, सोनोग्राफी वाले में बंद एक्स-रे मशीन साल भर से चादर में लिपटी" which is in respect of Community Health Center 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 CHM till 11 a.m. no gynecic, orthopedic, 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.

2. That, the Hon'ble Court vide order dated

	<p>05.08.2025 directed the Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, Department of Health & Family Welfare to file his personal affidavit with respect to the news reports.</p> <p>3. It is respectfully submitted that in Block Bilha there is 50 bedded Community Health Centre along with Maternal Child Hospital. In Community Health Centre along with Maternal Child Hospital there is total of 9 sanctioned post of Specialist Doctors, from which presently 3 Specialist Doctors are working, however 06 posts are vacant. 03 Post Graduate Medical Officer Class-II are sanctioned and are presently vacant. 01 Medical Officer from National Health Mission and 01 Dentist from National Health Mission currently working. In addition to this 6 posts of Medical Officers is sanctioned thus, the total number of Medical staff is 20. The Community Health Centre Bilha is equipped with X-ray Machine, Sonography Machine and also with Hamar Lab which is a Pathology Laboratory.</p> <p>4. That, in the month of July 2025, the total number of Indoor Patients (OPD) was 3644.</p>
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	<p><i>Anti Natal Care (ANC) registration was 630. There were total of 84 new born deliveries in the month of July, 2025 and the total number of New Born Stabilization Unit admission was 15.</i></p> <p><i>5. It has been shown in the newspaper item dated 05 August, 2025 that the X-ray machine is not functional for last one year which is absolutely fake news. It is respectfully submitted that for the month of July, 2025 alone total number of X-ray conducted was 426. The chart showing number of X-ray conducted in Community Health Centre, Bilha for the month of March, April, May, June & July, 2025 is filed herewith as ANNEXURE D/1. Further a photograph of the X-ray machine in operation is filed herewith as ANNEXURE D/2.</i></p> <p><i>6. It is respectfully submitted that the average OPD per day is roughly 250 and the Community Health Centre Bilha is well equipped to handle the patients in a well maintained room. A photographs showing the registration room of the Community Health Centre Bilha is filed herewith as ANNEXURE D/3.</i></p>
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	<p>7. It is respectfully submitted that Hamar Lab Unit is fully operational in the Community Health Centre, Bilha. Presently the Hamar Lab Unit is conducting test on 32 parameters, on routine basis, out of 50 parameters. However, due to some issues relating to supply of Reagent the Pathology test for some parameters is halted. In some cases alternative arrangements for purchase of Reagent has been done locally so that all necessary pathology test are conducted on routine basis. A photograph showing the Hamar Lab is filed herewith as ANNEXURE D/4. It is apposite to mention that the Community Health Centre Bilha along with Maternal Child Hospital is well equipped with operation room. However, the post of Anesthetist is lying vacant, so emergency and night operations are not possible in Community Health Centre, Bilha, however, planned cesarean section surgery is being done by assigning duty of Anesthetist from other Community Health Centre. A photograph showing the operation room is filed herewith as ANNEXURE D/5.</p>
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	<p>8. It is respectfully submitted that the Community Health Centre, Bilha and Maternal Child Hospital has a well organized vaccination store to the need of vaccination of general public. A photograph showing vaccination store is filed herewith as ANNEXURE D/6.</p> <p>9. It is respectfully submitted that the Community Health Centre and Maternal Child Hospital is a 50 bedded hospital which has a clean hygiene male and female ward for indoor patients. Photographs showing the male and female ward is filed herewith ANNEXURE D/7.</p> <p>10. That, news report dated 05 August, 2025 there is a specific allegation that the doctors are unavailable for the Community Health Centre Bilha which is specifically denied. It is respectfully submitted that out of 15 doctors posted in Community Health Centre, Bilha and Maternal Child Hospital, 02 Doctors are on study leave pursuing their Post Graduate Course while 01 Doctor is in Child Care Leave. 01 Doctor is absent without information, rest doctors are doing their duties. Roster has been made for availability of the Doctors. On</p>
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04.08.2025, Doctors, one Medical Officer and one Dentist from National Health Mission were on OPD duty at 11.00 A.M. and also Gynecologist and one female Medical Officer were on Labour Room and Anti Natal Checkup duty on that day. Copy of duty roster is filed herewith as ANNEXURE D/8.

It would be apposite to mention that a new Adhar-based Attendance has been introduced in the Community Health Centre, Bilha to ensure attendance of the Doctors and other staff in the Centre. The Adhar-based Attendance system would become fully operational from 15th August, 2025 and presently the management is in process of registration. Letters have been issued to all the staff to complete their registration in Adhar-based Attendance before 16th August, 2025."

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital, Raipur :

"1. That, the Hon'ble Court has taken cognizance on the published on 13.07.2025, 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".

2. It is respectfully submitted by the deponent that in Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital, Raipur for registration of O.P.D. patients time is fixed from 8.00 AM to 02.00 PM. It is further submitted that for the patients coming after 2.00 PM, Casualty Ward is opened 24X7 hours. For registration of patients, there are 04 registration counter and 01 Abha I.D. registration. It is submitted that for Cardiology Patient and Cancer Patients, separate OPD registration counters are available. After registration, the patient can immediately move to the concerned Department and can meet the Doctor on the turn.

That, in the month of July total 52,278 patients have been registered and treated. Further in the month of August from

01.08.2025 to 08.08.2025 total 15,039 patients have been registered and treated in the Ambedkar Hospital. Copy of chart of department-wise registered patients in the month of July and August is filed herewith as ANNEXURE X/1. It is specifically denied that there is huge time gap between registration and meeting of Doctor.

3. It is respectfully submitted by the deponent that there is similar procedure of registration as that in Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Hospital, Raipur.

That, in the month of July total 7206 patients have been registered and treated. Further in the month August from 01.08.2025 to 08.08.2025 total 2061 patients have been registered and treated in the D.K.S. Hospital. Copy of chart of department-wise registered patients in the month of July and August is filed herewith as ANNEXURE X/2.

4. It is respectfully submitted that in both the above mentioned Hospitals, the number of patient visiting the Hospital is very large. There

is efficient registration counter in the Hospitals and no patient has come in forward complaining delay in registration or treatment. The chart annexed to the affidavit is self speaking of the number of patient visiting the Hospitals.

From perusal of above affidavits it is manifest that though it is stated there are sufficient Doctors, but some posts are lying vacant and further there appears to be over crowding of the patients in the hospitals. The Reagents are also being not supplied, because of which, the tests could not be performed. It is also evident that the medical facility during night is not possible, though some alternative arrangements has been made.

Considering the fact that that though the State had made efforts for providing better medical facilities, but it appears to be too short looking to the number of patients visiting the said hospitals, we hope and trust that the State would take more initiative for providing better medical facilities to the hospitals of the State.

The affidavits filed by the Secretary do not speak about supply of unhygienic/rusted surgical blades all

<p>Gowri/ Amardeep</p>	<p>over the State, therefore, the Secretary to the Government of Chhattisgarh, Department of Health & Family Welfare is directed to take appropriate steps for providing better facilities and file detailed affidavit mentioning the steps taken in this regard before the next date of hearing.</p> <p>In the meanwhile, the respondent No.8 CGMS is also directed to supply the requisite kits to the hospital of the State so that the patients, who are visiting the hospital, would get better facilities. The respondent No.8 is also directed to file an affidavit with regard to the steps taken by them.</p> <p>Post it on <u>17th September, 2025</u>.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>SD/-</p> <p>(Bibhu Datta Guru) Judge</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>SD/-</p> <p>(Ramesh Sinha) Chief Justice</p> </div> </div>
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