



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPPIL No. 27 of 2024

IN THE MATTER OF SUO MOTO PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION
versus THE STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Order on Board

22/08/2025	<p>This is an office reference.</p> <p>Heard Mr. Y.S. Thakur, Addl. Advocate General for State as well as Mr. Raghvendra Pradhan, learned counsel for respondent No.8.</p> <p>This public interest litigation was scheduled to be listed on 17.09.2025. However, having regard to the news report published in <i>Dainik Bhaskar, Bilaspur Bhaskar</i> dated 22.08.2025, the matter has been taken up today. The said news item, captioned 'गरियाबंद: नर्स की जगह गार्ड लगा रही थी मरीज को इंजेक्शन, सीएमएचओ-सिविल सर्जन को नोटिस', highlights the incident</p>

forming the subject of consideration.

Perusal of the aforesaid news report reveals a disturbing incident at the District Hospital, Gariyaband, where a female security guard was found administering an injection to a patient in place of the staff nurse. The incident came to light when a former Municipal Councilor, who had accompanied his nephew for treatment, captured the act on camera and circulated the photograph, which soon went viral. The news further indicates that the Collector, taking cognizance of the matter and in view of the embarrassment caused to the Health Department, has issued show-cause notices to the Chief Medical and Health Officer, Dr. V.S. Navratna, and the Civil Surgeon, Dr. Yashwant Dhruv, warning of disciplinary action.

Though show-cause notices have been issued to the Chief Medical and Health Officer as well as the Civil Surgeon, the incident in question raises grave concern touching upon the very functioning, supervision, and integrity of the District Hospital. The spectacle of a security guard administering an injection in place of a trained nurse is

not only a clear breach of medical ethics and professional standards, but also a stark reflection of systemic failure in ensuring accountability and adherence to established protocols of patient care. Such a lapse imperils the trust of the public in government medical institutions and undermines the safety of patients who seek treatment therein. The issuance of notices, by itself, cannot be regarded as an adequate response, unless it is accompanied by tangible and effective remedial measures aimed at strengthening institutional monitoring, fixing responsibility upon delinquent officials, and putting in place mechanisms that categorically prevent recurrence of such incidents in future

The District Magistrate, Gariyaband, is directed to file a personal affidavit by the next date of hearing, outlining the steps undertaken in consequence of the show-cause notices issued to the Chief Medical and Health Officer and the Civil Surgeon, and further specifying the preventive measures instituted to obviate recurrence of such lapses in the District Hospital.

Learned State Counsel is directed to forthwith apprise

Rahul	<p>the District Magistrate, Gariyaband, of this order so as to ensure timely compliance and filing of the personal affidavit within the stipulated period.</p> <p>The matter was earlier directed to be listed on 17.09.2025, however, having regard to the circumstances noted hereinabove, let this case be listed on 28.08.2025.</p> <table><tr><td data-bbox="502 772 1093 1055"><p>Sd/-</p><p>(Bibhu Datta Guru) Judge</p></td><td data-bbox="1093 772 1450 1055"><p>Sd/-</p><p>(Ramesh Sinha) Chief Justice</p></td></tr></table>	<p>Sd/-</p> <p>(Bibhu Datta Guru) Judge</p>	<p>Sd/-</p> <p>(Ramesh Sinha) Chief Justice</p>
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