

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****WPPIL No. 21 of 2025**

In The Matter Of Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation

Versus

State Of Chhattisgarh & Others

Order Sheet

21/07/2025	<p>Heard Mr. Prafull N Bharat, Advocate General assisted by Mr. Y.S.Thakur, Additional Advocate General and Mr. Shashank Thakur, learned Deputy Advocate General for the State/respondents.</p> <p>On the last date of hearing i.e. on 10.07.2025, this Court had directed this matter to be listed on 07.08.2025, however, since this Court has come across another incident of nuisance being created by the some youngsters on the National Highway, this matter has been taken up today.</p> <p>A news report in this regard has been published in Hindi Daily, Haribhoomi, on 20.07.2025 with a heading “रील बनाने नेशनल हाइवे जाम किया 6 कार सवारों पर 2-2 हजार जुर्माना”.</p>

The aforesaid news report goes to state that on social media, a video has gone viral in which six affluent youths riding in number of black Toyota Fortuner cars were doing stunts on Ratanpur National Highway. Not only this, these rich youngsters were making videos by parking their cars in a row in the middle of the road, and for videography, arrangements of videographers and bright lighting was also made. Due to their acts, there was a traffic jam on the National Highway and people were getting tired of getting stuck in the jam. Later, Vinay Sharma's son Vedant Sharma posted a reel from his Instagram ID. After the video went viral, it started being discussed in the city, but the police woke up from its slumber and took action lately by merely imposing fine of Rs. 2000/- per car.

According to the said news report, a letter has been written by the Police to the Regional Transport Officer for cancellation of their respective Driving Licenses.

Earlier, on 04.07.2025, this Court had taken cognizance of an incident in which a wife of Deputy Superintendent of Police was found indulged in similar acts and this Court had taken the same very seriously and directed the Chief Secretary of the State to look into the matter.

Time and again, such incidents of mischief on the road by not only illiterate people but also from the people belonging to educated and well to do background is coming to light. Nuisance on the roads not only puts the life of such people in danger but also the life of the other people passing through the said roads.

The response/action of the Police is also very disappointing especially when any spoiled rich kids or affluent persons are found indulged in acts like the present one. These youngsters have been let off by the Police very easily by mere imposing fine of Rs. 2000/- which would hardly make any difference for them. When such people do not have any fear of the law of the land, the Police was required to take stern action against them. The police authorities themselves appear to be helpless and their helplessness would lead to lawlessness in the State.

The police did not bother to seize the vehicles involved in the act, and as per the news report, no offence has been registered against them under the relevant provisions of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, the Motor Vehicles Act or the National Highways Act, 1956 despite the offenders causing mischief by rendering the National Highway impassable or less safe for travel for other general public.

In such circumstance, we deem it appropriate to direct the Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, to file his personal affidavit in the matter.

Let this matter be listed on **07.08.2025**, as directed on 10.07.2025.

Sd/-
(Bibhu Datta Guru)
JUDGE

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(Ramesh Sinha)
CHIEF JUSTICE