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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPC No. 5535 of 2026

Virk Ventures Through Partner Shri Satwinder Pal Singh, S/o Rajender Singh, Aged About 64 Years, R/o House No. A/18, S S Greens, D D M Road, Korba, Distt. Korba Chhattisgarh

... Petitioner(s)

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Transport Department, Block C, 3rd Floor, Indravati Bhawan, Naya Raipur, Distt. Raipur Chhattisgarh

2 - Regional Transport Authority, Chhattisgarh O/o 3rd Floor, Sector 27, Naya Raipur, Distt. Raipur Chhattisgarh

... Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s) **:** Mr. Raj Shengale, Advocate

For Respondent(s) **:** Mr. Anway Tiwari, PL

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amitendra Kishore Prasad

Order on Board

03.11.2026

1. The petitioner has filed this petition with the following reliefs:-

> *“ 10.1 Issue an appropriate writ in the nature of mandamus and direct the respondent No.: 2 to consider and decide the application dated 17.08.2026 (Annexure P/1) for grant of a regular stage carriage permit for the route: Korba to Bilaspur via Dipka, Pali and Ratanpur with one return trip daily and to grant the same in accordance with the provisions of Central Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 and the Chhattisgarh Motor Vehicle Rules, 1994.”*

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the application for grant of regular stage carriage permit is pending consideration before the respondent authority since 14.08.2026. It is further submitted that as per Rule 74(4) of the Chhattisgarh Motor Vehicles Rules, 1994, such applications are required to be decided within a period of 60 days, however, the respondent authority has failed to do so, therefore, appropriate direction be issued to the competent authority to decide the application within a time-bound period.

3. Learned State counsel submits that the application of the petitioner shall be considered and decided by the competent authority in accordance with law and within a reasonable time, if a direction is issued by this Court.

4. From the perusal of the pleadings and submissions advanced by learned counsel for the parties, it transpires that the petitioner has submitted an application for grant of regular stage carriage permit, which is admittedly pending before the competent authority since 14.08.2026.

5. It is further noticed that Rule 74(4) of the Chhattisgarh Motor Vehicles Rules, 1994 contemplates consideration and decision of such applications within a reasonable period of time. However, despite lapse of considerable time, no decision has been taken on the petitioner’s application.

6. In view of the admitted factual position and the statement made by learned State counsel, this Court is of the considered opinion that the ends of justice would be met if a direction is issued to the competent authority to decide the petitioner’s application within a time-bound period.

7. Accordingly, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No. 2/Regional Transport Authority, Chhattisgarh, to consider and decide the petitioner’s application dated 14.08.2026 for grant of regular stage carriage permit on the route Korba to Bilaspur via Dipka, Pali and Ratanpur with one return trip daily, strictly in accordance with law, by passing a reasoned and speaking order, **within a period of 30 working days** from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

8. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the claim of the petitioner and all issues are left open to be decided by the competent authority in accordance with law.

9. With the aforesaid observations and directions this writ petition stands **disposed of.**

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(Amitendra Kishore Prasad)
Judge

AMIT PATEL