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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPC No. 5671 of 2026

1 - Pastor Rajkumar Dan S/o Late Almo Dan Aged About 48 Years Pastor/in-Charge, Church Of Chirst, R/o. Niharika, Kashinagar, P.S. Civil Lines Rampur, Tehsil And District Korba (C.G.)

... Petitioner

Versus

1 - State of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Department Of Home Affairs, Mahanadi Bhawan, Mantralaya, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar District Raipur (C.G.).

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2 - The Collector/district Magistrate Korba, Collectorate Office, Revenue And Civil District Korba (C.G.).

3 - The Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue)/sub-Divisional Magistrate Korba, Office Of The S.D.O. Tehsil And District Korba (C.G.).

4 - The Superintendent Of Police Korba, Police Control Room, District Korba (C.G.0

5 - Station House Officer (S.H.O.) Police Station Civil Lines, Rampur, District Korba (C.G.).

6 - Aadharshila Sewa Samiti Korba Through Its President Prem Sagar

Nayak/secretary Anupam Nath, Address M.Q. 238, Podibahar, Oxygen Garden, Ward No. 32, Korba, Tehsil And District Korba (C.G.)

... Respondents

(Cause title is downloaded from CIS Periphery.)

For Petitioner	:	Mr. Ayush Lall, Advocate.
For State	:	Mr. Shobhit Mishra, Dy. G.A.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amitendra Kishore Prasad

Order on Board

05.11.2026

1. The petitioner has preferred the present petition alleging inaction, apathy and arbitrary delay on the part of the respondent authorities, particularly respondent No. 3/Sub-Divisional Officer, Korba and respondent No. 2/Collector, Korba, in considering and deciding the petitioner's representation/application dated 26.10.2026 (Annexure P/1). By way of the said representation, the petitioner sought permission to organise a peaceful, one-day Christian Women's Conference and Evening Prayer Assembly, scheduled to be held on 12.11.2026 within the private premises of the Church of Christ situated at Niharika, Kashinagar, Korba. The petitioner also sought deployment of adequate police personnel to ensure maintenance of law and order and to prevent any untoward incident or disturbance at the hands of anti-social elements or other disgruntled persons during the proposed assembly. The petitioner is seeking following reliefs:-

> "10.1 That, this Hon'ble Court may kindly be pleased to issue a suitable writ, order, or direction in the nature of Mandamus commanding Respondent No. 3 (Sub-Divisional Officer/ SDM,

Korba) and Respondent No. 2 (Collector/District Magistrate, Korba) to immediately consider and decide the representation/application dated 26.10.2026 (Annexure P/1) submitted by the petitioners, and grant necessary permission/NOC to conduct the one-day Christian Women's Conference and Evening Prayer Assembly scheduled on 12.11.2026 at Church of Christ, Niharika, Kashinagar, Korba (C.G.), subject to any reasonable conditions.

10.2. That, this Hon'ble Court may kindly be pleased to issue a writ of Mandamus directing Respondent No. 4 (Superintendent of Police, Korba) and Respondent No. 5 (Station House Officer, P.S. Civil Lines Rampur, Korba) to provide adequate and necessary police protection and ensure law, order, and peace during the peaceful conduct of the scheduled meeting on 12.11.2026.

10.3 Any other relief, which may be suitable in the facts and circumstances of the case, may also be granted."

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has submitted an application dated 26.10.2026 before respondent No. 3/ S.D.O. (Revenue)/S.D.M., Korba (C.G.), seeking permission to organise the proposed meeting on the date and at the time specified therein. It is further submitted that copies of the said application have also been served upon respondent No. 2/Collector, Korba (C.G.) and respondent No. 4/Superintendent of Police, Korba (C.G.). However, despite submission of the application before the concerned authorities, no decision thereon has been taken till date. He next submits that, as the proposed

meeting is scheduled to be held on 12.11.2026, the respondent authorities may be directed to consider and decide the petitioner's application within two to three days, so as to enable the petitioner to make necessary arrangements for conducting the proposed prayer meeting in accordance with law.

3. Per contra, learned State counsel, on instructions, submits that the petitioner's application dated 26.10.2026 shall be considered and decided by the concerned authority within a period of three days.

4. In view of the aforesaid fair submission made by learned State counsel, the concerned authorities, namely, the Collector, the Superintendent of Police and the Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue), Korba (C.G.), are directed to consider and decide the petitioner's application dated 26.10.2026, in accordance with law, within the stipulated period. While doing so, the concerned authorities shall also afford an adequate opportunity of hearing to the petitioner as well as to the respondent No. 6 and thereafter pass an appropriate reasoned order in accordance with law.

5. With this observation and direction, this petition stands **disposed of.**

Sd/-

(Amitendra Kishore Prasad)

Judge

U.K. Raju