

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**WPIL No. 88 of 2021**

Lata Rathore W/o Shri M.K. Rathore Aged About 51 Years State President Chhattisgariya Mahila Kranti Sena , R/o Post Devkinandan Nagar Phase 1, Near Samudayik Bhawan, Bilaspur Chhattisgarh.

---- Petitioner**Versus**

1. State of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary, Department of School Education , Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar (Naya Raipur), Revenue And Civil District Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
2. Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education Through Secretary, Pensionbada, Raipur , District Raipur Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondents

(Cause-title taken from Case Information System)

For Petitioner	:	Mr. Gagan Tiwari, Advocate
For Respondent No.1/State	:	Mr. Ranbir Singh Marhas, Additional Advocate General

Hon'ble Shri Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice**Hon'ble Shri Sachin Singh Rajput, Judge****Order on Board****Per Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice****28.06.2024**

1. Heard Mr. Gagan Tiwari, learned counsel for the petitioner as well as Mr. Ranbir Singh Marhas, learned Additional Advocate General, appearing for respondent No.1/State.
2. The present writ petition styled as 'Public Interest Litigation' under Article 226 of the Constitution of India has been filed by the petitioner seeking following reliefs :

“1] That, this Hon’ble Court may kindly be pleased to issue appropriate writ/direct to the respondents to implement Section 29(2)(f) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 in letter and spirit by having Chhattisgarhi as medium of instruction in the schools in the state of Chhattisgarh.

2] That, this Hon’ble Court may be pleased to issue appropriate writ/direct the respondents to implement the National Education Policy 2020 issued by the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India so far it relates to having medium of instruction in school education in Local Language i.e. Chhattisgarhi in the state of Chhattisgarh.

3] That, this Hon’ble Court may be pleased to issue appropriate writ/direct the respondents to implement the National Education Policy 2020 issued by the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India by making available high quality text books in all School subjects in Chhattisgarhi language.

4] Any other relief, which this Hon’ble Court deems fit according to the facts & circumstances of the case may also be granted.”

3. Mr. Ranbir Singh Marhas, learned Additional Advocate General, appearing for the State/respondent No.1 states that the State Council of Educational Research & Training, Chhattisgarh has issued a letter dated 22.03.2024 to the Officer in Charge and Joint Director, Division Raipur, Chhattisgarh regarding giving information about the action taken so far to include ‘Chhattisgarhi language’ as a medium in schools. The operative portions of the said letter reads as follows :

“1. छत्तीसगढ़ी को स्कूल शिक्षा पाठ्यक्रम में पहले से ही शामिल किया गया है। शिक्षा सत्र 2020-21 से प्राथमिक स्तर (कक्षा 1 तथा कक्षा 2 की) की पाठ्यपुस्तक द्विभाषिक रूप में शामिल की गई हैं। छत्तीसगढ़ी के अलावा शिक्षा सत्र 2020-21 से ही प्राथमिक स्तर पर कक्षा 1 और 2 की द्विभाषिक पाठ्यपुस्तकें 16 स्थानीय भाषा-बोलियों (छत्तीसगढ़ी (रायपुर और बिलासपुर संभाग), हल्दी, गोंडी (कांकेर, दंतेवाड़ा व बस्तर), भतरी, कुडुख, सरगुजिहा, सादरी, कमारी, बैगानी, दोरली, धुरवी, बघेली तथा माडिया में) शामिल की गई हैं।

कक्षा 3 से कक्षा 5 तक की हिंदी भाषा की पाठ्यपुस्तकों में छत्तीसगढ़ी भाषा की 25 प्रतिशत पाठ्य-सामग्री शामिल की गयी है। कक्षा 6 से 8 तक की हिंदी भाषा की पाठ्यपुस्तकों में भी छत्तीसगढ़ी भाषा की 30 प्रतिशत पाठ्य सामग्री शामिल की गई है। इसी तरह कक्षा 9 से 10 तक की हिंदी भाषा की पाठ्यपुस्तकों में भी छत्तीसगढ़ी भाषा की 15 प्रतिशत पाठ्य सामग्री शामिल की गई है।”

4. We have perused the aforesaid letter and its content and gone through the prayers and pleadings made in the instant writ petition. The aforesaid letter is taken on record.
5. Learned State counsel is directed to supply a copy of the said letter to counsel for the petitioner.
6. In the light of aforesaid letter dated 22.03.2024 issued by the State Council of Educational Research & Training, Chhattisgarh, the instant PIL stands **disposed of**.

Sd/-
(Sachin Singh Rajput)
Judge

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice