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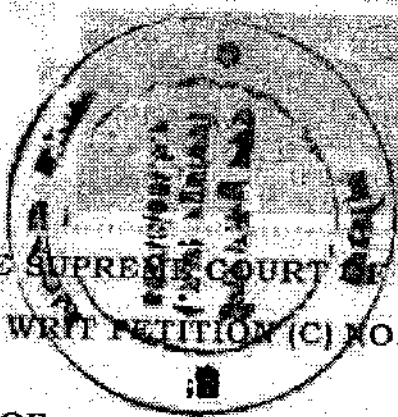
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STATE OF CHHATTISGARH
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I, S.S. Tigga, S/o Late Shri. A. Tigga, aged about 56 years, working as Assistant Inspector General (AIG), Head Quarter Jail and Correctional Service, Raipur, Chhattisgarh being its office at Headquarter- Jail and Correctional Service, Raipur, Chhattisgarh do hereby solemnly state on oath as under: -

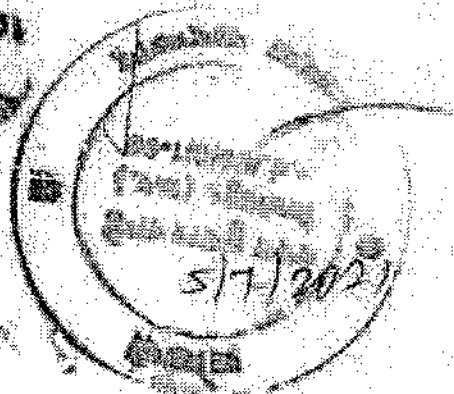
1. I am the Officer In-Charge of the Respondent- State of Chhattisgarh in the present matter and I am competent to file the present compliance affidavit along with the accompanying applications in the captioned case.

So 2/

Varun Kumar Pandey
Notary & Advocate
Chh. Dist. Raipur (C.A.C.)

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2. The present affidavit is in compliance of order dated 01.06.2021. The answering Respondent craves leave of this Hon'ble Court to file a further detailed Affidavit, as and when the same is necessitated.

3. The present case raises the issue of overcrowding in prisons and measures to be adopted for the welfare of inmates in prisons and juveniles lodged in remand homes pursuant to the outbreak of Covid-19 since March 2020.

4. As per the order dated 07.05,2021 passed by this Hon'ble Court, this Court had, amongst other directions, directed the High-Powered Committees constituted by the State Governments/UTs to consider the release of prisoners, by adopting the guidelines followed by the High-Powered Committees in 2020, to release the prisoners at the earliest. Furthermore, it had asked the High-Powered Committees to consider releasing all inmates who had been released earlier

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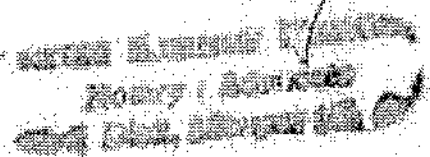
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pursuant to the order dated 23.03.2020 passed by this Hon'ble Court.

5. Pursuant thereto, vide order dated 01.06.2021 passed by this Hon'ble Court, all Respondent States/Union Territories have been directed to file an affidavit furnishing information about the number of prisoners released pursuant to the order dated 07.05.2021. Additionally, all Respondent States/UTs have also been directed to provide information relating to the number of deaths in prisons due to Covid-19.

6. In view of the said Order, the present Compliance Affidavit is being filed limited to the steps taken by the State of Chhattisgarh with respect to certain directions passed in the order of this Hon'ble Court dated 01.06.2021. The present Affidavit provides information about the number of prisoners released pursuant to the order dated 07.05.2021 and the deaths in prisons due to Covid-19, which are in addition to the other proactive

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measures being adopted by the State to tackle the pandemic.

7. It is submitted that the High Powered Committee in the State of Chhattisgarh vide resolution passed in its meeting dated 12.05.2021 issued directions qua the Order dated 07.05.2021 passed by this Hon'ble Court to consider the release of prisoners. Therefore, as per the directions issued by the High Powered Committee, a total of 3166 prisoners have been released from prisons in the State of Chhattisgarh from 12.05.2021 till 06.06.2021. A tabulated summary of the details of the prisoners is given below:

Released on interim bail		Released on regular bail		Parole		Released under Section 432 (1) of Cr.P.C.	Total
Sentenced	Under trial	Sentenced	Under trial	Collector leaves	Sanctioned by Director General		
0	1420	29	1694	01	0	16	3160

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8. It is further submitted that death of prisoners in jails in the State of Chhattisgarh due to Covid-19 in the first wave was 06 prisoners. Furthermore, death of prisoners in jails in the State of Chhattisgarh due to Covid-19 in the second wave as on 06.06.2021 was 09 prisoners.

Jail-wise statistical information of the number of deaths in each prison in the State of Chhattisgarh due to Covid-19 as on 06.06.2021 is given below:

FIRST WAVE

Sr.	Name of Jail	No. of Deaths
1	Central Jail Raipur	01
2	Central Jail Bilaspur	03
3	Central Jail Durg	02
	Total	6

SECOND WAVE

Sr.	Name of Jail	No. of Deaths
1	Central Jail Raipur	04
2	Central Jail Bilaspur	01

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Notary / Administrator
Chhattisgarh State Jail

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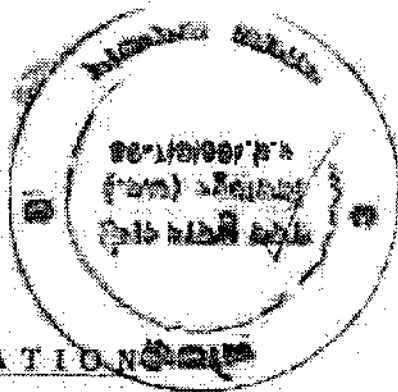
3	Sub Jail Surajpur	01
4	Central Jail Durg	02
5	Sub Jail Kharagarh	01
	Total	9

9. The Answering Respondent State humbly submits that it is the paramount duty of the State to ensure it works collectively with the Central Government, as well as, other State Governments in this hour of need. Not treating this litigation as adversarial, the State further undertakes to comply with all directions/orders which may be passed by this Hon'ble Court in letter and spirit. Further the State is grateful to this Hon'ble Court for taking *suo motu* cognizance of the issues being faced by the citizenry of the Country.

10. It is humbly submitted that the facts stated in the above Affidavit and the accompanying Applications are true to my knowledge and belief. No part of the same is false and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

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Notary / Advocate



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VERIFICATION

I, S.S. Tigga, do hereby solemnly affirm and verify that the contents of Paragraph 1 to 10 of the Compliance Affidavit have been explained to me and the same are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed at 5 JUL 2021 day of July, 2021

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SOLEMNLY AFFIRMED OR SWORN
BEFORE ME BY THE DEPONENT
Signature of the Notary Public
I, V. K. PANDHEY, Notary Public,
Registration No. 2770, Bilaspur (C.O.)
on this 5th day of July, 2021.

V. K. PANDHEY
NOTARY
Bilaspur (C.O.)