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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPC No. 1960 of 2026

1 - Amarjeet Patel S/o Late Shatruhan Patel, Aged About 49 Years, R/o Village and Post -Sonawani, Police Station and Tahsil -Chirmiri, District Manendragarh- Chirmiri Bharatpur C.G.

... Petitioner

versus

1 - State of Chhattisgarh Through The Principal Secretary, Law and Legislative Affairs Department, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Nawa Raipur, Atal Nagar, District Raipur C.G.

2 - The Collector, District Manendragarh- Chirmiri Bharatpur C.G.

3 - Union of India , Through The Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice, Shastri Bhawan, A-Wing 4th Floor, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi -110001

.. Respondents

(Cause title taken from Case Information System)

For Petitioner	:	Mr. Ravi Kumar Banjare, Advocate.
For State	:	Mr. Vivek Sharma, Advocate General.
For Union of India/Respondent No.3	:	Mr. R.K. Mishra, Deputy Solicitor General of India.

Hon'ble Shri Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice

Hon'ble Shri Ravindra Kumar Agrawal, Judge

Order on Board

Per Ramesh Sinha, C.J.
24-04-2026

1. The present petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India has been filed seeking the following relief(s):-

“10.1 That, this Hon’ble Court may kindly be pleased to declare the Chhattisgarh Freedom of Religion Bill, 2026 (Bill No. 7 of 2026) as unconstitutional, ultra vires the Constitution of India and void ab initio;

10.2 That, this Hon’ble Court may kindly be pleased to issue a writ of certiorari or any other appropriate writ, order or direction quashing the impugned Chhattisgarh Freedom of Religion Bill, 2026 (Bill No. 7 of 2026).

10.3 That, this Hon’ble Court may kindly be pleased to issue a writ of mandamus directing the Respondents to forthwith grant permission to the Petitioner to convert his religion from Hinduism to Christianity in accordance with his application dated 06.04.2026.

10.4 That, this Hon’ble Court may kindly be pleased to grant any other relief, as it may deems fit and appropriate.”

2. Learned Advocate General has raised preliminary objection regarding maintainability of the present writ petition challenging its voidy and states that as per the prayer itself, though the Hon’ble Governor has accepted the said bill, but yet it has not come into force and it has not been notified. As per clause 1 (3) of the said bill, it has to be come

into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette of Chhattisgarh Government and fixed for its enforcement. Therefore, the present petition is premature one.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner could not demonstrate any sufficient ground to come out from the said preliminary objection raised by the learned Advocate General.

4 In view of the above, since the bill itself is not notified till date, the petition filed by the petitioner is premature one, therefore, the same is dismissed on this ground alone.

Sd/-

(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge

Sd/-

(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice