

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR
Order Sheet

Writ Petition (PIL) No. 127 of 2021

In Re. Roads of Chhattisgarh (Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation)

Versus

State of Chhattisgarh & Others

alongwith

Writ Petition (PIL) No. 26 of 2022

28/09/2022	Heard Mr. Rajeev Shrivastava, learned senior counsel, assisted by Mr. Prateek Sharma and Mr. Ashutosh Singh Kacchawaha, learned counsel as <i>Amici Curiae</i>, Mr. Siddharth Dubey, learned counsel for the petitioners in WPIL No. 26 of 2022, Mr. Gagan Tiwari, learned Deputy Government Advocate, appearing for respondents No. 1 & 2 in WPIL No. 127 of 2021 and respondents No. 1 to 6 in WPIL No. 26 of 2022, Ms. Anmol Sharma, learned Central Government counsel, appearing for respondent No. 3 in WPIL No. 127 of 2021, Mr. Prasun Kumar Bhaduri, learned counsel, appearing for respondent No. 4 in WPIL 127 of 2021, Mr. Tushar Dhar Diwan, learned Central Government counsel, appearing for respondent No. 10 in WPIL 26 of 2022, Ms. Pragati Kaushik, learned counsel, appearing for respondent No. 7 in WPIL No. 127 of 2021, Mr. Pankaj Agrawal, learned counsel, appearing for respondent No. 12 in WPIL No. 127 of 2021 and respondent No. 7 in WPIL No. 26 of 2022, Mr. Ishan Verma, learned counsel, appearing for respondent No.

9 in WPPIL No. 26 of 2022 and Mr. Varun Sharma, learned counsel, appearing for respondent No. 11 in WPPIL No. 26 of 2022.

Mr. Shrivastava submits that because of defective planning of the road, number of accidents had taken place in a short span of two months in Sendri Junction. He submits that according to his perception, in the Sendri Junction, an underpass is required to be constructed.

At the first instance, we request Mr. Shrivastava, Mr. Prateek Sharma and Mr. Ashutosh Kachhawaha to bring on record details of the accidents that had taken place in Sendri Junction so as to enable this Court to take a view on the matter.

With regard to Gharghoda to Kunkuri road, about which there is reference in the order of this Court dated 18.08.2022, Mr. Gagan Tiwari submits, on the basis of the report submitted, that there are two roads connecting Gharghoda to Kunkuri, one having a distance of 139 kms and the other 130 kms and for repair and maintenance of the said roads, tenders have been issued leaving aside the stretches of the road which are in good condition.

Since it is submitted that period of completion of the roads in certain areas is more than 2 years, Mr. Gagan Tiwari will file an appropriate affidavit indicating why such a long time is required.

It is submitted by Mr. Siddharth Dubey that the patch of road of about 5.5 kms from Swarmangala to Imlichapar is in terrible condition and it is submitted by him that there are many newspaper reports to that effect.

It is also to be noted that in the report dated 06.04.2022 of *Amici Curiae*, the deplorable condition of the road was highlighted.

Mr. Gagan Tiwari will interact with the authorities and by the next date fixed, inform the Court about the measures to be taken to immediately improve the situation.

Mr. Pankaj Agrawal submits that 188 encroachments were there in Haldibazar, Sarda, Swarmangala, Implichapar Municipal limits and out of them, 187 encroachments have been removed so far and the one encroacher, who has remained, has given undertaking to vacate by the end of this month.

Mr. Varun Sharma submits that he has also filed a status report.

The said report will be considered on the next date fixed.

List these cases on 19.10.2022.

Sd/-
(Arup Kumar Goswami)
Chief Justice

Sd/-
(Deepak Kumar Tiwari)
Judge