



## HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

### WPPIL No. 127 of 2021

In Re. Roads Of Chhattisgarh **Versus** State Of Chhattisgarh And Others  
alongwith

WPPIL/26/2022 and WPPIL/83/2023

### Order Sheet

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| <b>10/02/2025</b> | <p>Heard Mr. A.S.Kachhwaha and Mr. Prateek Sharma, learned <i>Amici Curiae</i> and Mr. Siddharth Dubey, learned counsel for the petitioner in WPPIL No. 26/2022.</p> <p>Also heard Mr. Prafull N. Bharat, learned Advocate General assisted by Mr. Y.S.Thakur, Additional Advocate General, Ms. Anmol Sharma and Mr. Tushar Dhar Diwan, learned Central Government Counsel, appearing for Union of India/Respondent No.1 in WPPIL No. 127/2021 and WPPIL No. 83/2023 and for respondent No.10 (Railways) in WPPIL No. 26/2022, Mr. Dheeraj Kumar Wankhede, learned counsel for the NHAI, Mr. Sandeep Dubey and Mr. Manas Vajpai, learned counsel, appearing for respondent Nos. 7 &amp; 8 in WPPIL No. 127/2021, Mr. Varun Sharma, learned counsel, appearing for</p> |

respondent No.6 in WPIL No. 127/2021 and respondent No.11 in WPIL No. 26/2022, Mr. Ishan Verma, learned counsel, appearing for respondent No.9 in WPIL No. 26/2022. Mr. Rakshit Tiwari and Mr. Pankaj Agrawal, learned counsel, appearing for respondent Nos. 2 & 7 in WPIL No. 26/2022, Mr. Krishna Tandon, learned counsel for the respondents No. 6 and 7 in WPIL No. 26/2022, and Ms. Ruchi Nagar, learned counsel, appearing for the Intervenor.

On the last date of hearing i.e. on 11.12.2024, this Court had directed the Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, to file progress report and had also directed the Regional Officer, NHAI, Raipur, and the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Bilaspur, to file their respective affidavits.

An affidavit has been filed on 07.02.2025 by the Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, in compliance of the order dated 18.11.2024 reiterating the facts which have already been taken note of by this Court on the last date of hearing i.e. 11.12.2024. However, it is submitted by Mr. Prafull N Bharat, learned Advocate General as well as Mr. Y.S.Thakur, Additional Advocate General that the roads in issue would be completed by April, 2025.

An affidavit has also been filed by the Regional Officer, NHAI, on 10.02.2025, the relevant part of which is reproduced

below:

*“1. That, this Hon'ble Court took suo motu cognizance of the present public interest litigation for development and supervision of all major roads in the State which needs immediate repairing and reconstruction.*

*2. That, it has been conveyed to the office of deponent by way of correspondence that office of PIU Bilaspur, NHAI has relentlessly working, clasping hands with the concerned Contractor, for purpose of completion of the subject matter project. That in compliance of the Hon'ble Court order dated 18.11.2024, the office of PIU Bilaspur made correspondence with the concerned Contractor who is engaged in the construction of subject matter NH Project, through PIU Bilaspur. The contractor vide its letter dated 10.12.2024 submitted the progress report of Service Road between Km. 23.180 to Km 24.854 (RHS) in Bilaspur-Pathrapali section of NH-130. That the PIU Bilaspur thereby filed the progress report with an affidavit on 11.12.2024 concerning the progress report of the concerned aforementioned project before this Hon'ble Court.*

*3. That thereby again, correspondence took place between the office of deponent, PIU Bilaspur and the concerned Contractor, concerning the project, wherein the PIU Bilaspur has directed the contractor to complete the project soon and has been ensured by the Contractor that they shall soon complete the project, which was same conveyed to the deponent. Meanwhile, the sequential work progress report has been supplied to the office of PIU Bilaspur by the Contractor, which has*

*been conveyed to the deponent. The details of which are reproduced herein below:*

*4. That, Progress Report and Action Plan for Traffic Management at Sendri Junction concerning the matter are as follows:*

*1. Progress of Construction of Service Road at Sendri Junction:*

- The physical progress of the construction of the service road at Sendri Junction has reached 27%.*
- The work is progressing and is expected to be completed positively within the next two months.*

*Copy of Progress report is attached for reference.)*

*2. Short-Term Measures for Traffic Management at Sendri Junction:*

*To ensure the smooth flow of traffic during the construction period of the service road, the following short-term measures have been implemented:*

- Installation of signboards for better traffic guidance.*
- Placement of solar blinkers for improved visibility and safety, especially during night time.*
- installation of water barriers to channelize and segregate traffic effectively.*
- Installation of rumble strips and road markings to enhance traffic discipline and safety.*
- Use of drums with reflective tape arranged in a zigzag formation for traffic regulation and speed control.*

*3. Proposal for Foot over Bridge for safety of School Children and Pedestrians Crossing on NH-130:*

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Five critical locations have been identified:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Turkadih</i></li> <li>2. <i>Sendri Town</i></li> <li>3. <i>Madanpur</i></li> <li>4. <i>Melnadih/Karra</i></li> <li>5. <i>Beltara</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>• <i>A proposal for the construction of foot over bridges at these locations has been prepared to ensure pedestrian safety.</i></li> </ul> <p>5. <i>That, on 16.01.2025 a review meeting was held at office of PIU Bilaspur, in presence of Officers of NHAI, for purpose of reviewing the progress of construction works, being executed at site. That in the review meeting, the construction of Slip Road from Km 20.762 to Km 21.275 (LHS) and Service Road between Km 23.180 to Km 24.854 (RHS) in Bilaspur-Pathrapali section of NH-130. That brief summary and status of work has been prepared as follows:</i></p> <p><u><i>Brief summary:-</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Agreement for the subject work was executed between the contractor &amp; NHAI on 09.09 2024.</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Notice for commencement of works at site was issued to the Contractor on 18.09.2024.</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Contractor submitted its work programme as per the provisions of CA, considering the work commencement w.e.f 04.10.2024..</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Anticipated Completion date for project on 15.03.2025.</i></li> </ul> <p><u><i>Status of Work:</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Contractor has stated that the construction work at</i></li> </ul> |
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|  | <p><i>location of Sendri village is in progress and construction works shall be finished in the 2nd week of month of March 2025.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Contractor intimated that early approval of electric pole shifting estimate is required for timely completion. PD apprised that same has been obtained from utility department &amp; submitted to Regional Office. Contractor has stated the physical work progress report is 33.04% and the balance work is 66.93%.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Copy of letter dated 17.01.2025 issued by PIU Bilaspur to the concerned Contractor intimating about the minutes of meeting, along with copy of minutes of meeting and copy of progress report is collectively filed herewith as ANNEXURE A.</i></p> <p><i>6. Further, the Contractor has submitted Latest progress report on 03.02.2025 which is enclosed herewith. The physical progress is 46 % and work is scheduled to be completed by March 2025. Copy of latest progress report is filed herewith as ANNEXURE B.</i></p> <p><i>7. That, the office of deponent and PIU Bilaspur with the clasping hands of Contractor and other concerned authorities are working towards the completion of the project, as reflected from the progress report.”</i></p> <p>Though no affidavit has been filed on behalf of the respondent-Municipal Corporation, Bilaspur, however, it has been submitted by Mr. Sandeep Dubey, learned counsel that the Shubham Vihar Road, has been repaired and the grievance raised by the learned counsel for the Intervenor, stands</p> |
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redressed.

Ms. Ruchi Nagar, learned counsel for the Intervenor concurs with the above submission.

Let these matters be again listed on **08<sup>th</sup> April, 2025**, on which date the Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, shall file a fresh affidavit with respect to the progress of the work and its completion.

Sd/-  
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)  
**JUDGE**

Sd/-  
(Ramesh Sinha)  
**CHIEF JUSTICE**