



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

08/04/2025	Proceedings of this matter have been taken through Video Conferencing. Heard Mr. Rajeev Shrivastava, Senior Advocate 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. Also heard 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, Ms. Pragati Kaushik on behalf of Mr. Sandeep Dubey learned counsel, appearing for respondent Nos. 7 & 8 in WPPIL No. 127/2021, Mr. Varun Sharma, learned counsel, appearing for respondent No.6 in WPPIL No. 127/2021 and respondent No.11 in WPPIL No. 26/2022, Mr. Ishan Verma, learned counsel, appearing for respondent No.9 in WPPIL No. 26/2022. Mr. Rakshit Tiwari and Mr. Pankaj Agrawal, learned counsel, appearing for respondent Nos. 2 & 7 in WPPIL No. 26/2022, Mr. Krishna Tandon, learned counsel for the respondents No. 6 and 7 in WPPIL No. 26/2022, and Ms. Ruchi Nagar, learned counsel, appearing for the Intervenor.

On the last date of hearing i.e. on 10.02.2025, this Court had directed the Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, to file a fresh affidavit with respect to the work in progress and its completion. Pursuant to the same, an affidavit has been filed, the relevant portion of which reads as under:

“2. It is respectfully submitted that the total length of Saddu to Vidhansabha road is 17.2 kms which is divided into two parts (a) from Village Dhaneli to Village Saddu which is 9.5 kms in length and is maintained by the National Highway Division, Raipur and (b) from Saddu Vidhan Sabha to Village Jora Road, which is 7.7 kms in length and is maintained by the Public Works Department, Division No. 3, Raipur.

3. It is respectfully submitted that the work of strengthening of Saddu Vidhan Sabha to Village Jora Road is under progress and 70% of the work of the road has been completed, while remaining the 30% of the work i.e. Bituminous work for Service Road will be completed by the end of April, 2025. Photographs demonstrating the work done and progress of Jora-Saddu road (7.5 km) is filed herewith as ANNEXURE D/1.

4. That, a proposal to upgrade National Highway No. 130-B from Dhaneli Chowk to Narhada Chowk has been included in the Annual Plan 2024-2025 by the Ministry of Road Transport, Government of India and preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) is in progress. After acceptance of the DPR by the Government of India, Ministry of Road Transport, Government of India all Four Lane along with Service Lane would be redeveloped. A report dated 19.03.2025 submitted by the Chief Engineer, National Highway Region, Public Works Department, Raipur is filed herewith as ANNEXURE D/2."

From perusal of paragraph 4 of the above affidavit, it transpires that a proposal to upgrade NH No. 130B from Dhaneli Chowk to Narhada Chowk has been included in the annual plan 2024-2025 by the Ministry of Road Transport, Government of India, and preparation of DPR is in progress.

Mr. Diwan, learned counsel appearing for the respondent-Union of India is directed to ensure that the things are expedited at the end of the Ministry of Road Transport, Government of India, and the competent authority shall file his affidavit in the matter with respect to the averments made in paragraph 4 of the aforesaid affidavit filed by Chief Secretary. He further submits that a separate affidavit would also be filed with respect to the road

Amit	passing from Pendridih to Tifra as the condition of the road is very bad. Mr. Shrivastava, learned Senior Advocate submits that in the order dated 10.02.2025, it was observed by this Court that there was a proposal for construction of foot over bridge for safety of school children and pedestrians crossing on NH-130 with respect to five critical locations namely, 1. Turkadih 2. Sendri Town 3. Madanpur 4. Melnadih/Karra, and 5. Beltara, to ensure pedestrian safety. However, the NHAI has not given any progress report with regard to the same. In view of the above submission, the competent authority / Project Director, NHAI, shall file his affidavit in compliance of the order dated 10.02.2025 before the next date. Let these matters be again listed on 29.04.2025 for further monitoring. Sd/- (Arvind Kumar Verma) JUDGE Sd/- (Ramesh Sinha) CHIEF JUSTICE
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