



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPPIL No. 127 of 2021

In Re. Roads of Chhattisgarh

Versus

State of Chhattisgarh and Others

WPPIL/83/2023 and WPPIL/26/2022

Order Sheet

23/09/2025	Mr. Rajeev Shrivastava, learned Senior Advocate assisted by Ms. Kajal Chandra, Mr. Prateek Sharma and Mr. A.S. Kachhwaha, learned Amici Curiae and Mr. Siddharth Dubey, learned counsel for the petitioner in WPPIL No. 26/2022. Also heard Mr. Y.S. Thakur, learned Additional Advocate General for the State, Mr. Ramakant Mishra, learned Deputy Solicitor General assisted by 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. Jyoti Chandravanshi holding brief of Mr. Sandeep Dubey, learned counsel, appearing for respondent Nos. 7 & 8 in WPPIL No. 127/2021 and Ms. Preeti Yadav holding brief of Mr. Pankaj Agrawal, learned counsel, appearing for respondent Nos. 2 & 7 in WPPIL No. 26/2022.

In compliance of the Court's order dated 04.09.2025, an affidavit has been filed by the Secretary, Department of Public Works, which is reproduced, herein under :-

"1. That, vide order dated 04.09.2025 the Hon'ble Court was pleased to direct the Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, Public Works Department to file fresh affidavit with regard to the progress regarding repair of road from Pendridih Bypass to Nehru Chowk, Bilaspur.

2. It is respectfully submitted that the Department had decided to take services of the experts for a technical study of the road in order to avoid frequent cracks appearing

on the road. The Department had accepted the interest of National Institute of Technology, Raipur for survey and suggestions in this regard and in furtherance had deposited a sum of Rs. 19,82,400/- in the account of National Institute of Technology, Raipur. It is submitted that the National Institute of Technology, Raipur has commenced its survey works and the report is expected soon.

3. It is respectfully submitted that repairs of the road from Pendridih Bypass to Nehru Chowk, Bilaspur is in progress. Major part of the road repair work is complete. It is further submitted that along with repair work, cleaning of vegetation, road side cleaning, median and grill painting is in progress and will be completed within coming five days. Photographs showing the work progress are filed herewith collectively as ANNEXURE X/1."

From perusal of the aforesaid affidavit, it transpires that National Institute of Technology, Raipur (NIT, Raipur) has been entrusted with the task for survey works etc and the suggestions with respect to

the cracks appearing on the road and for which an amount of Rs. 19,82,400/- has also been deposited in the account of NIT, Raipur and it is stated that survey works has already been commenced and the report is expected soon. It further transpires that some repair work is going on from Pendridih Bypass to Nehru Chowk, Bilaspur.

We hope and trust that the NIT, Raipur would submit its report to the authority concerned at the earliest so that the work for construction of new road may be expedited.

It has been submitted by Mr. A.S. Kachhawaha, learned Amicus curiae that due to heavy rainfall main road near Mahamaya Temple, Ratanpur i.e. Ratanpur – Kenda Road has been completely damaged and as the festive season is going on, the public at large are being affected because of the dilapidated condition of the road, therefore, the concerned Department may be directed to repair the same.

List these matters for further monitoring on **10.11.2025**.

The Secretary, PWD is directed to his personal affidavit regarding the progress in work and report submitted by the NIT before the next date of hearing. The Secretary, PDW is directed to do needful to repair the concerned road near Mahamaya Temple, Ratanpur immediately.

Sd/-
(**Bibhu Datta Guru**)
Judge

Sd/-
(**Ramesh Sinha**)
Chief Justice