



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPIL No. 127 of 2021

IN RE. ROADS OF CHHATTISGARH **versus** STATE OF
CHHATTISGARH AND OTHERS

WPIL/26/2022,WPIL/83/2023

Order Sheet

08/01/2026	Heard Ms. Shraddha Mishra, Advocate appears on behalf of Mr. Prateek Sharma, learned Amicus curiae and Mr. Tribid Bhattacharya on behalf of Mr. Siddhrth Dubey, learned counsel for the petitioner in WPIL No.26/2022. Also heard Mr. Praveen Das, Additional Advocate General, Ms. Annapurna Tiwari, learned Central Government Counsel, appearing for Union of India/Respondent No.1 in WPIL No.127/2021 and WPIL No.83/2023 and for Respondent No.10

(Railways) in WPPIL No.26/2022, Mr. Dheeraj Kumar Wankhede, learned counsel for the NHAI, Ms. Preeti Yadav, Advocate appearing on behalf of Mr. Pankaj Agrawal, for the Respondents No.7 & 12, Mr. Aditya Kumar Mishra, learned counsel for the Respondent No.9 in WPPIL No.26/2022.

On 20/11/2025 Secretary, PWD was directed to file a fresh affidavit with respect to the report filed by the NIT and the report filed by Mr. Prateek Sharma, learned Amicus Curiae regarding various roads that are in a dilapidated condition and require immediate attention of the State of their repair and construction, however, when the matter was taken up on 05/01/2026, the same could not be filed and two days time was sought for to file the necessary affidavit and the matter was adjourned for today. When the matter has been taken up today the said affidavit has been filed by the Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, Department of Public Works, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Nawa Raipur, District Raipur (CG) relevant portion of which

reads as under:

2. That, this Hon'ble Court was pleased to direct filing of an affidavit by the Secretary, Department of Public Works, Government of Chhattisgarh, regarding the cracks appearing on Pendridih Chowk to Nehru Chowk Road, Bilaspur, as well as regarding the repairing of the road near Mahamaya Temple, Ratanpur.

It is respectfully submitted that an affidavit in this regard was already filed on 13.11.2025, wherein it was stated that the report of NIT Raipur, containing suggestions with respect to the cracks appearing on the aforesaid road, was awaited. It was further stated that reminders dated 28.10.2025 and 11.11.2025 had also been sent to NIT Raipur for submission of the report.

3. That, with respect to the repairing of the road near Mahamaya Temple, Ratanpur,

it was submitted in the earlier affidavit that the repair work had already commenced in November, 2025.

4. That, it is most respectfully submitted that the report of NIT Raipur dated 04.12.2025 has now been received, along with certain recommendations with respect to the repair of Pendridih Chowk to Nehru Chowk Road, Bilaspur. A copy of the said report is annexed herewith and marked as ANNEXURE A/1.

5. That, after receipt of the aforesaid report and its recommendations, a proposal has been submitted to the State Government by the Office of the Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department, seeking sanction of an amount of Rs. 4,937.39 lakhs, so that the necessary repair work may be undertaken without any delay. A copy of the letter dated 02.01.2026 is annexed herewith and marked

as ANNEXURE A/2.

6. That, it is respectfully submitted that immediately upon allocation and sanction of the requisite budget, prompt and necessary repair work shall be initiated for rectification of the cracks on Pendridih Chowk to Nehru Chowk Road, Bilaspur.

7. That, with respect to the repair work of damages caused to the road near Mahamaya Temple, Ratanpur, the work is presently in full swing and, in all likelihood, the same shall be completed within a period of 15 days.

8. That, with regard to the report submitted by the Learned Amicus Curiae, Shri Prateek Sharma, concerning the dilapidated condition of certain roads in the State requiring immediate attention, it is most respectfully submitted that, prompt inspections shall be carried out with respect to all the roads

mentioned therein, and all necessary steps shall be initiated at the earliest to ensure that appropriate and effective repair works are undertaken without any delay.

9. That, the deponent once again reiterates his utmost respect and regard for this Hon'ble Court and assures that every direction issued by this Hon'ble Court shall be complied with in its true letter and spirit.

Perusal of the affidavit would show that the report of NIT Raipur dated 04.12.2025 has now been received, along with certain recommendations with respect to the repair of Pendridih Chowk to Nehru Chowk Road, Bilaspur. A proposal has been sent to the State Government by the Office of the Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department, seeking sanction of an amount of Rs. 4,937.39 lakhs so that the necessary repair work may be undertaken without any delay. It is further submitted by the learned State counsel that the fund which has been sought would be

ashu	allocated very soon so that the prompt and necessary repair work shall be initiated for rectification of the cracks on Pendridih Chowk to Nehru Chowk Road, Bilaspur. So far as the repair work of damages caused to the road near Mahamaya Temple, Ratanpur, is concerned the work is presently in full swing and, in all likelihood, the same shall be completed within a period of 15 days. In view of the same, let the matter be again listed on <u>11th of February, 2026</u> for further monitoring by which date the fresh affidavit shall be filed by the Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, Department of Public Works, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Nawa Raipur, District Raipur (CG) stating that whether the fund has been allotted or not. SD/- (Arvind Kumar Verma) Judge SD/- (Ramesh Sinha) Chief Justice
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