



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPIL No. 127 of 2021

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

WPIL/83/2023, WPIL/26/2022

Order Sheet

11-02-2026	Heard Mr. Rajeev Shrivastava, learned Senior Advocate and Mr. Prateek Sharma, learned Amicus curiae and Mr. Siddhrth Dubey, learned counsel for the petitioner in WPIL No.26/2022. Also heard Mr. Ashutosh Singh Kachhawaha, learned counsel for SLISA in WPIL No.127/2021, Mr. Praveen Das, Additional Advocate General, MR. Ramakant Mishra, learned Deputy S.G. along with Ms. Annapurna Tiwari and Mr. T.D. Diwan, learned Central Government Counsel for Union of India in WPIL No.127/2021, WPIL No.83/2023 and for respondent No.10 (Railways) in WPIL No.26/2022, Mr. Dhiraj Kumar Wankhede, learned counsel for the NHAI, Ms. Deepa Singh, learned counsel appearing on behalf of Mr.

Sandeep Dubey, learned counsel for respondents No. 7 and 8 in WPPIL No.127/2021, Mr. Aditya Kumar Mishra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of Mr. Ishan Verma, learned counsel for respondent No.9 in WPPIL No.26/2022, Mr. Pankaj Agrawal, learned counsel for the respondents No.7 & 12 in WPPIL No.26/2022.

The Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, Department of Public Works, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Nawa Raipur, District Raipur (C.G.) has filed an affidavit dated 10-02-2026. The relevant part of the aforesaid affidavit is as under:-

- “4. That with specific reference to the road near Mahamaya Temple, Ratanpur, on National Highway No.45, it is respectfully submitted that repair work has already been undertaken and is presently in full swing. The damaged stretches were inspected and immediate patch repair/resurfacing work was carried out to ensure public safety and smooth traffic movement.
5. That the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, National Highway Division, Bilaspur, vide letter dated 05.02.2026, has formally reported completion of the immediate repair work near Mahamaya Temple, Ratanpur, along with site photographs. A copy of the said letter is annexed herewith and marked as **ANNEXURF-A-1 (Colly.)**.
6. That with regard to the repair and strengthening of Pendridih Chowk to Nehru Chowk Road, Bilaspur, it is respectfully submitted that, pursuant to the report of NIT Raipur containing technical

	recommendations, a request was made by the Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department, to the State Government, Department of Public Works, for granting administrative sanction of Rs. 4,937.39 lakhs for undertaking the repair. 7. That it is respectfully submitted that the proposal for sanction of an amount of ₹4,937.39 lakhs for the aforesaid road work is presently under careful and active consideration of the competent authorities of the State Government. It is further submitted that upon sanction and allocation of the requisite funds, the respondent-Department shall undertake the repair and strengthening work on priority and without any delay, strictly in accordance with the recommendations of NIT Raipur and the directions of this Hon'ble Court. 8. That immediately upon allocation and sanction of the requisite funds, the Department shall initiate the tendering process and undertake full-fledged repair and strengthening work strictly in accordance with the recommendations of NIT Raipur and within the timelines fixed by this Hon'ble Court. 9. That prompt inspections have already been carried out with respect to other roads identified by the Learned Amicus Curiae as being in a dilapidated condition, and necessary steps are being taken to ensure that appropriate and effective repair works are undertaken without any delay.” From perusal of the affidavit dated 10-02-2026 it goes to show that so far as the allocation of amount Rs.4,937.39 lakhs for the repairing and strengthening
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of Pendridih Chowk to Nehru Chowk Road, Bilaspur is concerned, the fund is yet to be allocated by the State Government and it is stated by the Secretary that positive steps have been taken in this direction and as soon as the funds are allocated the works would be started and Mr. Rajeev Shrivastava, learned Senior Advocate assisted by Mr. Prateek Sharma states that in para No.9 of the affidavit it has been stated by the Secretary that the other roads which has been identified by the learned Amicus Curiae as being in dilapidated conditions and necessary steps are being taken to ensure that appropriate and effective repair works are undertaken without any delay, he submits that the said averment appears to be incorrect as the list of roads provided in the report dated 27-11-2025 has not been taken care by the Secretary.

The Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, Department of Public Works, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Nawa Raipur, District Raipur (C.G.) is directed to file affidavit with respect to the inspection report and the details of the roads submitted by the Amicus Curiae in the report dated 27-11-2025.

Mr. Shrivastava has further pointed out that the connecting bridge, mentioned in para No.4 of the report dated 27-11-2025, has also not been completed till date, to which Mr. Dhiraj Kumar Wankhede states that authority concerned shall take necessary steps with

respect to the same.

The authority concerned of NHA is directed to file its affidavit in the matter on or before the next date of hearing.

Let the matter be again listed on 19-03-2026.

Sd/-

(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)

Judge

Sd/-

(Ramesh Sinha)

Chief Justice