

24.01.2018 Present: Court on its own motion.

J.S. Mr. Ashok Sharma, Advocate General with Mr. Guleria, Assist. Advocate General and Mr. Rajat Chauhan, Law Officer for respondents No. 1 to 4.

Mr. Rajesh Sharma, ASGI for respondent No. 8.

None for respondents No. 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10.

Learned Assistant General of India has placed on record copy of communication dated 19.01.2018, addressed by Under Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to the Government of India to The Secretary, Public Works Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh, on the subject “Sanction of Central Road Fund (CRF) project (1 No. in the State of Himachal Pradesh for the year 2017-18-Administrative Approval-reg.”. A perusal of the same demonstrates that the Central Government has conveyed administrative approval for an amount of ₹219.43 Crore for the work of improvement and widening of Slapper-Tattapani road from 0/0 to km 68/0 (Category-MDR-22, length 68.00 km, District Kinnaur), subject to satisfying the criteria required as per CRF Rules regarding length, category of the road, encumbrance free availability of land etc.

Learned Advocate General submits that though the status report already stands filed by the State, which presently is not on record, however, taking into consideration the fact that the State has now received communication dated 19.01.2018, the conditions contemplated therein shall be complied with in order to ensure the construction of the road in issue at the earliest. On his request, case is ordered to be listed on 12.03.2018, before which date, State shall file a fresh status report.

List on *12th of March, 2018*, before the appropriate Bench.

(Ajay Mohan Goel)
Vacation Judge

January 24, 2018
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