

CWPIL No.14 of 2017

20.05.2019 Present: Ms. Shreya Chauhan, Advocate as Amicus Curiae.

Mr. J.K.Verma, Mr. Adarsh Sharma, Mr. Nand Lal Thakur & Ms. Ritta Goswami, Additional Advocate Generals with Ms. Divya Sood, Deputy Advocate General, for the respondent-State.

Ms. Poonam Gehlot, Advocate, for respondent No.5.

Mr. Aman Sood, Advocate, for respondent No.6.

Mr. Surinder Saklani, Advocate, for respondents No.7 and 10.

Mr. Rajesh Kumar Sharma, Assistant Solicitor General of India, for respondent No.8/Union of India

Mr. Vijay Chaudhary, Advocate, for respondent No.9.

Respondent No.9-Contractor has filed affidavit-cum-status report alongwith a receipt of Rs.50,000/- cost amount deposited by him with the H.P. High Court Bar Association. He has also attached photographs to show that the work is going on at the site and after bringing two more panels by 31st May, 2019 at the site, he would complete the Bridge work on or before 31st July, 2019.

On the other hand, Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle HPPWD, Mandi, has filed affidavit claiming that the Contractor has abandoned the work from the last one month. This fact is seriously disputed by the Contractor. In

these circumstances, we grant one more opportunity to the Contractor (respondent No.9) to continue and complete the work as per his fresh undertaking. He will file a fresh status report giving details of the work to be executed by him from today till the next date of hearing.

As regard to respondent No.10-Contractor, the status report reveals that he is required to deploy more manpower. He is directed to do so and expedite the construction work. He will file fresh status report before the next date of hearing.

List on 24th June, 2019.

**(Surya Kant),
Chief Justice**

20th May, 2019
(shankar/manjit)

**(Sandeep Sharma)
Judge**