

**CWPIL No.14 of 2017**

08.08.2017 Present: Ms.Shreya Chauhan, Advocate as Amicus Curiae.

Mr.Shrawan Dogra, Advocate General, with, Mr.Anup Rattan, Mr.Romesh Verma Additional Advocate Generals, Mr.Kush Sharma, Deputy Advocate General, for respondents No.1 to 4.

Mr.Neeraj Gupta, Advocate, for respondent No.5.

Mr.N.K. Sood, Senior Advocate, with Mr.Aman Sood, Advocate, for respondent No.6.

Respondent No.7 in person.

Mr.Ashok Sharma, ASGI, with Mr.Ajay Chauhan, Advocate, for respondent No.8.

Mr.R.P. Verma, Engineer-in-Chief, HPPWD, present in person.

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, New Delhi through its Secretary and contractors, namely, Mr.Sanjay Kumar Sharma, R/o village Chugal Galli, PO Purana Bazar, Tehsil Sundernagar, District Mandi, H.P. and Mr.Munish Kumar Sharma, R/o Village upper Haripur, PO & Tehsil Sundernagar, District Mandi, H.P. are impleaded as party respondents No.8, 9 and 10, respectively. Registry to carry out necessary corrections in the memo of parties.

The issue involved in the present petition pertains to the connectivity of a very-very strategic area, perhaps having greater importance and

significance relating to multi-utility functions, including that of having access by the Ministry of Defence to the border areas both through road and water navigation.

With the construction and widening of road from Slapper 0.0 RD to Tattapani 67.725 RD, not only distance to the interior parts of Himachal Pradesh would be shortened, giving boost to economy, but also easy access to tribal and other areas touching the Indian border towards China.

Also, water reservoir of the dam, commonly known as "Kol Dam", so constructed by NTPC Ltd., can be used as a waterway to these areas.

As we are made to understand, if only a sum of ₹12 crores (approximately) is immediately provided for, then a single lane road can be constructed within a period of next two years and if an amount of ₹50 crores (approximately) is provided by the stakeholders, double lane road can be constructed within next four years.

To discuss all these issues and find answers, we find presence of Engineer-in-Chief, Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Mr.Rajesh Sharma DGM(Civil), NTPC Ltd., as also authorized representative of Ministry of Road

Transport and Highways, Government of India-  
respondent No.8 would be beneficial.

As such, for this purpose, matter is adjourned.

List on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

**( Sanjay Karol )  
Acting Chief Justice**

**August 8, 2017**  
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**( Ajay Mohan Goel )  
Judge**