

**Item No.D-14**

**Court on its own motion vs. The State of Himachal Pradesh and others**

**CWPIL No.14 of 2017**

**11.03.2026 Present:** Ms. Shreya Chauhan, Advocate, as *Amicus Curiae*.

Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocate General with Mr. Varun Chandel, Additional Advocate General, for the respondents/State.

Mr. Harish Sharma, Senior Panel Counsel, for respondent No.8/Union of India.

Mr. Surender Verma, Advocate, for respondents No.7 and 10.

Mr. Paras Dhaulta, Advocate, for respondent No.5.

As per affidavit filed by the Union of India dated 24.11.2025, it has been averred that, 'In Principle', the approval has been given to Slapper to Tattapani Road, subject to the conditions to be imposed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India vide letter dated 24.02.2025 and a copy of Stage-I approval has been appended as Annexure R-1 for diversion of the forest land of 33.3292 Hectare in favour of the H.P. P.W.D. The Stage-II approval has not yet been accorded, as the proposal is yet to be received from the State Government and necessary action in view thereof shall be taken accordingly.

Learned Additional Advocate General has placed on record the communication dated 09.03.2026 addressed to the Advocate General showing that the final approval of the FCA has been granted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on 27.01.2026. The tender work for the remaining

portion (Km 20/500 to 31/300) is now under process and work for improvement and widening of the said road is in progress.

Accordingly, we defer the proceedings for 05.05.2026. Let the State file a status report regarding the steps taken for finalizing the tender process and the work which is to commence on the same.

**(G.S. Sandhawalia)**  
**Chief Justice**

**( Bipin C. Negi )**  
**Judge**

**March 11, 2026** (KS)