

**Amesh Dutt vs. Union of India & Ors. a/w
connected matter
CWPIl No. 46 of 2022 with CWP No. 3123 of
2021 & CWP No. 1398 of 2018 and 1721 of 2013**

CWPIL No. 46 of 2022

14.12.2022 Present: Mr. S.D. Gill, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Balram Sharma, DSGI, for respondent Nos. 1 and 2.

Mr. Vijay Kumar Arora, Advocate, for respondent No.3.

CWP No. 3123 of 2021 & CWP No. 1398 of 2018

Ms. Vandana Mishra and Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocates, for the respective petitioner(s).

Mr. Rajinder Dogra, Senior Additional Advocate General with Mr. Vinod Thakur, Mr. Shiv Pal Manhans, Additional Advocate Generals and Mr. Bhupinder Thakur, Deputy Advocate General, for the respondents-State.

Mr. Balram Sharma, DSGI, for respondent No.4.

Mr. Vijay Kumar Arora, Advocate, for respondent No.6-BSNL.

Mr. Abhishek Sood, Advocate, for respondent No.7-Airtel.

Mr. Suneet Goel, Advocate, for respondent No.8-Reliance Jio Inforcomm.

Ms. Seema K. Guleria, Advocate, for respondent No.9.

Mr. Tara Singh Chauhan, Advocate, for respondent No.10-HPSEBL.

Mr. Nimish Gupta, Advocate, for respondent No.11.

Mr. Mukesh Thakur, Advocate, for respondent No.12.

Mr. Sandeep Dutta, Advocate, for respondent No.13.

CWP No. 1721 of 2013

Mr. Onkar Jairath, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajinder Dogra, Senior Additional Advocate General with Mr. Vinod Thakur, Mr. Shiv Pal

Manhans, Additional Advocate Generals and Mr. Bhupinder Thakur, Deputy Advocate General, for the respondents-State.

Mr. Maan Singh, Advocate, for respondent No.2.

Mr. Varun Chauhan, Advocate, for respondent No.4.

Mr. Sandeep Chauhan, Advocate, for respondent No.5.

Mr. B.C. Negi, Senior Advocate, with Mr. Nitin Thakur, Advocate, for respondent No.8.

Mr. Balram Sharma, DSGI, for respondent-UOI.

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Heard.

Learned counsel for the parties have placed on record copy of notification dated 17th August, 2022, issued by the Ministry of Communications (Department of Telecommunications) in exercise of its powers conferred under the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 (13 of 1885) as also Rules framed under the Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules 2016, the same are taken on record. Likewise, the counsel for the BSNL has also placed on record the copy of communications dated 28th July, 2022 and 5th August, 2022 on the subject ‘Saturation 4G coverage of Uncovered Village through USOF reg.’ and ‘4G Saturation Project of provisioning of mobile services within 500 days’. Lastly, the counsel for the Airtel has placed on record copy of press release No.81/2022, whereby TRAI releases recommendations on “Improving Telecom Connectivity/ Infrastructure in far-flung areas of Himachal Pradesh.”

Parties jointly pray for time to go through these instructions. List on **07.01.2023**.

CWP No.1721 of 2013

De-tagged from CWPIl No.46 of 2022 and other connected matters.

Learned counsel for the respondents states that the issue in question is squarely covered by the judgment rendered by this Court in CWP No.2881 of 2012, titled Vijay Verma Versus State of Himachal Pradesh.

List on **07.01.2023**.

(Tarlok Singh Chauhan)
Judge

(Virender Singh)
Judge

December 14, 2022
(*Vinod*)