

**Court on its own motion vs. NHAI & Ors.
CWPIIL No. 249 of 2017**

28.12.2022 Present: Mr. Vivek Negi, Advocate, as Amicus Curiae.

Mr. K.D. Shreedhar, Senior Advocate, with Ms. Shreya Chauhan, Advocate, for respondent No.1-NHAI.

Mr. Rajinder Thakur, Central Government Standing for respondent No.2.

Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocate General, with Mr. Vinod Thakur, Mr. Shiv Pal Manhans, Additional Advocate Generals, Mr. Bhupinder Thakur, Deputy Advocate General and Mr. Rajat Chauhan, Law Officer, for the respondents-State.

Mr. Ram Krishan Thakur, Assistant Engineer, Tourism Department, present in person.

This Court on the last date of hearing had expressed its concern with regard to the slow and tardy progress of the National Highway in its stretches between Chambaghat to Kandaghat.

Mr. R.A. Khural, Project Director, NHAI is present in person today and has explained that there is no impediment whatsoever in the execution work and the same is being carried out at the desired pace and the road will be fully operational by the end of December, 2023, in all probability.

Another concern that was expressed by this Court was regarding the wayside amenities that could be made available on the dumping site, which despite repeated orders of this Court have not been provided by the respondents-State.

The Advocate General is directed to convene a meetings of all the Departments, more particularly, the public works, Forest, Tourism & NHAI and Deputy Commissioners,

Shimla and Solan, so that the workable and meaningful solution can be found by the next date of hearing.

Learned counsel for respondent No.2 states that NHAI has already written to the Forest Department regarding grant of Forest clearance for the railway over-bridge at Kandaghat, but the permission thereof is still awaited. The Forest Department is directed to expedite the clearance and ensure that needful is done by the next date of hearing.

As prayed for, list on **11.01.2023**.

(Tarlok Singh Chauhan)
Judge

(Virender Singh)
Judge

December 28, 2022
(*Vinod*)