

Court on its own motion versus NHAI and others

CWPIL No. 249 of 2017

Item No.S-2

26.06.2025

Present: Mr. Ajay Sipahiya, Advocate, as Amicus Curiae.

Mr. K.D. Shreedhar, Senior Advocate with Ms. Shreya Chauhan, Advocate, for respondents No. 1 and 7.

Mr. Nand Lal Thakur, Senior Panel Counsel, for respondents No. 2 and 12.

Mr. Rakesh Dhaulta, Additional Advocate General for the respondents-State.

None for respondent No.6.

Affidavit in compliance to the order dated 01.05.2025 has been filed. Perusal of the affidavit would go on to show that stretch from Parwanoo-Solan section of NH-05, out of the 17 locations on which slope protection work was going on, six have been completed and the work on the remaining 7 locations is to be completed by August, 2025. For the remaining 12 locations, the work is to take place in September 2025 and the completion is to be done by 16.03.2026.

2. Similarly, for the Solan-Kaithlight Section of NH-05, out of the 18 locations, slope

protection work has been completed at 4 locations and work at the remaining 14 locations is in progress and is to be completed by August, 2025. The balance slope protection work of 23 locations is to take place thereafter and the completion is to be done by 12.06.2026.

3. Perusal of the photographs would go on to show that the necessary netting has not been put in place but the base work has been done with short creating (base to hold the netting). Accordingly, steps be taken for putting the netting in place wherever the same has not been done. Regarding Hydroseeding, it has been mentioned that it has been completed on 17 locations along the said sections.

4. It is however, apparent that on the last date, we had noticed that there were 7 diversions between Solan to Kaithalighat, which is stated to be stretch of approximately 21 Kilometers. Nothing has been mentioned in the affidavit regarding reduction of the diversions between this stretch.

5. Similarly, nothing has been mentioned regarding the coal tarring done in the area around “Deventure Hotel”, inspite of six weeks having gone by.

6. Resultantly, necessary steps be taken regarding these two aspects before the next date of hearing to show some considerable improvement in the status of the Highway.

7. Learned Amicus Curiea has also pointed out to paragraph 10 of the order dated 22.03.2025 that the construction of the Major Bridge near Salogra/Apollo Tyres Showroom and behind Shiv Mandir has come to a standstill.

8. Necessary affidavit be filed regarding the work which has to be done in the meantime.

List on **28th August, 2025.**

(G. S. Sandhawalia)
Chief Justice

26th June, 2025
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(Ranjan Sharma)
Judge