

**Court on its own motion Vs. National Highway Authority of India and others.**

**Item No. (D-4)**

**CWPIL No.249 of 2017**

**07.05.2026**

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

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

Ms. Mansi Sharma, Advocate, for Ms. Vandana Misra, Senior Panel Counsel, for respondent No.2-Union of India.

Mr. Pranay Pratap Singh, Additional Advocate General, for respondents No.3 to 8-State.

As per the affidavit filed by the Project Director, National Highways Authority of India, the details of Parwanoo to Solan Section and the status of Valley Side Protection work at Datyar & Chakki Moud have been given.

**2.** It has been mentioned that due to intermittent rainfall since April, 2026, the execution of the bituminous work has been adversely affected and is likely to be completed by 30.05.2026 at Datyar and for Chakki Moud, the further works viz. fixing of reinforced mesh and Geosynthetic Mat etc., has been affected/delayed and is likely to be completed by 30.06.2026.

**3.** It has also been mentioned that the District Administration has been requested to take appropriate

steps to help for executing slope protection work in Village Kumarhada as the work had been forcefully stopped by the local residents. However, no assistance has been rendered.

4. For Solan to Kaithlight Section at Village Berkhas near Summer hall, the slope protection work on the hill side has been completed while referring to photograph attached herewith as **Annexure R-1/106** and the work of the retaining wall on the valley side is to be undertaken by EPC Contractor at its own cost. The said work has not been taken up till date and show cause notice has been issued to the Contractor and the meeting was also convened on 17.03.2026 during which EPC Contractor has been directed once again to take-up the work of retaining wall. Accordingly, steps be taken to complete the said portion and to direct the concerned Contractor to take remedial steps.

5. The construction of Major Bridge at village Daunsi near Apollo Tyres Showroom is likely to be completed by November, 2026 and also the construction of Kandaghat Bypass. Regarding the construction of four lane near Deventure Hotel, the work is not yet taken up by the EPC Contractor to whom the direction has been issued

on 13.04.2026. Resultantly, needful be got done from the said Contractor by taking necessary steps.

**6.** Regarding the work of diversion at near Crusher, the work of 150 meters length is likely to be completed by November, 2026 whereas at Kyarighat, it has been mentioned that the muck removal work is likely to completed by 30.06.2026 and the remaining concrete work over a length of approximately 80 meters will be taken up and is likely to be completed by 31.07.2026. The bituminous work on the existing highway has been completed at this location as per photographs attached herewith as **Annexure R-1/107**.

**7.** Regarding the stretch at Wakna near Eutopia, the slope protection work has been completed and remaining portion of 150 meters, the muck removal is presently in progress to provide the required Right of Way (ROW) for carrying out the 04-laning work. However, the slope protection work could not be initiated due to obstruction by the local residents and the matter has been referred to the District Administration for necessary action and to resolve the issue.

**8.** The Status of the 06 (six) slope protection locations on Solan-Kaithlighat section has been mentioned

wherein there is no court proceedings and the letter dated 25.03.2026 (**Annexure R-1/104**) has been referred to which has been addressed to the Deputy Commissioner, Solan. Accordingly, counsel for respondents No.3 to 8-State undertakes that necessary help will be provided by the Deputy Commissioner, Solan on the request made.

**9.** Since the monsoon season is also forthcoming, the NHAI shall ensure that all the water is running off into the drains which are not blocked and are regularly cleaned and if the water does not remain in the drainage system the same destroys the National Highway. Resultantly, all precautionary steps be taken.

**10.** Accordingly, the proceedings are deferred for **18.06.2026.**

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

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

**7<sup>th</sup> May, 2026**  
**(Munish Thakur)**