

Court on its own motion vs. State of H.P & Others

CWPIL no.35 of 2021

04.07.2024 Present: Court on its own motion.

Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocate General with Mr. Rakesh Dhaulta, Mr. Pranay Pratap Singh, Mr. Gobind Korla, Mr. Sushant Kaprete, Additional Advocate Generals and Mr. Arsh Rattan, Ms. Priyanka Chauhan, Mr. Sidharth Jalta, Deputy Advocate General and Mr. Shalabh Chauhan, Assistant Advocate General, for respondents no.1 to 3 and 5/State.

Ms. Shreya Chauhan, Advocate, for respondent no.4.

Mr. Arun Kumar, Advocate vice Mr. Rajesh Kumar Parmar, Advocate for respondent no.5.

Heard the Advocate General and the counsel for NHAI.

The Advocate General states that the amount of Rs.3 crores would be released by the State Government towards Library & Multimedia, Computer Software and other Office equipments will take some more time.

He also states that the amount will be released only after utilization certificate for rupees four crores is submitted by the PWD Department executing the work in the University.

We may point out that the amount towards Library & Multimedia, Computer Software and other Office Equipments has nothing to do with the ongoing work in the

University, which is being executed by the HPPWD and the insistence of the State Government that submissions of the utilization certificate for Rs.4 Crores by its own Department would be a condition precedent for releasing the balance Rs.3 crores, which was agreed to be released by the State Government to the University, cannot be accepted.

We direct that the said balance amount of Rs.3 crores be released by 05.08.2024 without fail.

Counsel for NHAI states on instructions that the tarring on the road, which was previously damaged and is now under restoration would be completed in 20 days subject to weather conditions. The said statement is placed on record.

List on **12.09.2024**.

(M.S. Ramachandra Rao)
Chief Justice

4th July, 2024
(priti)

(Satyen Vaidya)
Judge