

Court on its own motion versus National Highway Authority of India & Others

CWPIL No.64 of 2024

[Item No.D-16]

26.05.2025 Present: Mr. Yuyutsu Singh Thakur, Legal Aid Counsel.

Ms. Shreya Chauhan, Advocate, for respondent No.1-NHAI.

Mr. Balram Sharma, Deputy Solicitor General of India [Senior Advocate] with Mr. Rajeev Sharma, Advocate, for respondent No.2.

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

Counsel for the State submits that Secretary [Public Works] to the Government of Himachal Pradesh would be necessary party to the *lis*, so that the correct position can be brought before this Court.

2. Accordingly, Secretary [Public Works] to the Government of Himachal Pradesh is impleaded as party respondent in the present petition, who shall figure as respondent No.5 in the array of parties. Office to make necessary corrections in the memo of parties.

3. Issue notice to newly added respondent No.5, which is waived by Mr. Rakesh Dhaulta,

learned Additional Advocate General, who seeks time to file reply.

4. Counsel for respondent No.2-UOI submits that since reply has already been filed by respondent No.1-NHAI, therefore, he does not want to file reply, at this stage.

5. List on **01.07.2025**.

(G.S. Sandhawalia)
Chief Justice

(Ranjan Sharma)
Judge

May 26, 2025
(Shivender/Himani)