

Court on its own motion Vs. State of Himachal Pradesh and Ors.

Item No. D-11

CWPIL No. 110 of 2024

17.08.2026 Present: Court on its own motion.

Mr. Pranay Pratap Singh, Additional Advocate General, for the respondents-State.

Mr. Balram Sharma, Deputy Solicitor General of India with Mr. Rajeev Sharma, Advocate, for respondent No.4.

Mr. K.D. Shreedhar, Sr. Advocate with Ms. Shreya Chauhan, Advocate, for respondent No.5.

As per the affidavit filed by respondent No. 4-Union of India, on behalf of the Chief Engineer, Regional Office, MoRTH, Shimla, it has been clarified that the maintenance estimate for the road, amounting to Rs. 82.51 crores, was submitted by the State PWD on 18.05.2026 (Annexure R-1). The modified estimate was recommended on 20.05.2026 for obtaining the necessary administrative approval. Thus, there was no processing delay for recommending the proposal.

The MoRTH, vide its letter dated 20.07.2026 (Annexure R-3) addressed to Chairman, NHAI, has accorded the sanction for the submitted estimates and the bid process will be initiated by NHAI. The stretch from Dhalli to Suru of NH-05 has been entrusted to NHAI, vide Gazette notification dated 31.07.2026 (Annexure R-4).

Accordingly, the NHAI, through its Project Director,
is impleaded as respondent No. 5.

Ms. Shreya Chauhan, learned counsel, appears and
waives service of notice on behalf of the newly added respondent
No. 5 and prays for time to file the necessary affidavit.

List on **30.09.2026**.

(G.S. Sandhawalia)
Chief Justice

(Bipin C. Negi)
Judge

17th August, 2026
(sushma)