

3. The Regional Officer's letter requires the critical stretches, where this Court had previously observed that there was no sign of any road, to be repaired by October 15, 2023 and the short-term repair work of the entire 57 km stretch is to be completed by November 15, 2023. It is hoped that appropriate funds would be released for the work to be taken up on a war footing and on a daily basis.

4. This Court is not really interested in the letters exchanged between NHAI officials or the written instructions issued to contractors; what is important is when the work starts and when it is completed to make the road somewhat motorable and, thereafter, complete the strengthening thereof.

5. For such purpose, the matter will appear a week hence for both the petitioner and the NHAI to indicate the extent of work undertaken till then. The State will cause a report to be filed by the Deputy Commissioner, East Jaintia Hills district as to the extent of work carried out in Khliehriat town and beyond Khliehriat to the south up to Lumshnong. Such report should be available on the adjourned date.

6. List on October 5, 2023.

(B. Bhattacharjee)
Judge

Meghalaya
28.09.2023
"Santosh, P.S."

(Sanjib Banerjee)
Chief Justice