

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

PIL No. 11 of 2022

Date of order: 05.03.2024

Kynjaimon Amse vs National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) & ors.

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Vaidyanathan, Chief Justice
Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner : Mr S. Panthi, Adv.

For the Respondents : Mr S. Sengupta, Adv. [For R 1]
Mr K. Khan, AAG with
Mr A.H. Kharwanlang, Addl Sr. GA

Pursuant to the orders of this Court dated 08.02.2024, a status report has been filed by the respondent No. 1. According to the respondents, the work in respect of the Jowai-Ratacherra section in NH-06 to the extent of 102.225 km is being attended to and the work is carried out and that two contractors have been identified namely; M/s Purbanchal Buildtech Pvt Ltd and M/s Dhar Constructions Company and that the work is going to commence to strengthen the road and rectify the potholes.

Learned counsel for the respondents submit that unless the stretch of the road is strengthened, it may create further damage to the road and the bridge, as referred to in the status report dated 26.02.2024. He also stated that while attending to the repair works on account of deterioration of the road, they will ensure that none is affected and that pipelines which are said to pose threat to the passengers and pedestrians

are also attended to. He further stated that there is no leakage in the hazardous pipelines while strengthening the road. He also submits that it would take at least a year for the repair work to be carried out as mentioned in the status report and also ensure that the work will be completed within a period of five to six months.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the matter is pending for a long time and that unless the work is carried out at the earliest point of time it will be very difficult for the citizens to commute. Though the respondents have stated that the contractors require more time to complete the work, they ensure that the work will be completed within five to six months.

In order to ascertain the progress, we direct the Registry to list the matter on 27.08.2024.

In the meantime in case of any exigency/emergency, it is open to the petitioner to mention the matter before this Court after giving due notice to the respondents.

(W. Diengdoh)
Judge

(S. Vaidyanathan)
Chief Justice

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