

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

PIL No. 11 of 2022

Date of order: 05.06.2023

Kynjaimon Amse	vs	National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) & ors
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Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjib Banerjee, 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

The State submits that more or less 75 per cent of the stretch of the road between Thadlaskein and Mihmyntdu on the Jowai bypass has been repaired and the remainder of the work is going on.

The petitioner does not dispute the State's submission in such regard, but refers to the scope of the petition which pertains to the entire stretch of the National Highway till Ratacherra. The petitioner submits that despite the previous assertion of the National Highways Authority of India to the effect that the entirety of the stretch except the Jowai bypass of slightly less than 8 km has been repaired, certain photographs need to be seen that reveal the current state of stretches of road at Lumshnong and several other places.

The photographs appear to be credible enough and appear to be taken in the afternoon of June 1, 2023.

It is unacceptable that even before the monsoons have set in, large tracts of the principal thoroughfare through the State into the Barak Valley would be in such pitiable condition as demonstrated by the photographs, despite the recent repair thereof.

Since the NHAI seeks some time to ascertain the position, let the matter appear next week. It is hoped that the entire stretch of the highway in the State till Ratacherri, including the Jowai bypass that the State has referred to, would be in tip-top shape even as the monsoons hit in the next fortnight.

List on June 13, 2023.

(W. Diengdoh)
Judge

(Sanjib Banerjee)
Chief Justice

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