

SL. No	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGES'S ORDERS
	27.12.2024		WPIL No. 204 of 2024 <u>Hon'ble G. Narendar, C.J.</u> <u>Hon'ble Manoj Kumar Tiwari, J.</u> Mr. Yogesh Kumar Pacholia, learned counsel for the petitioner. 2. Mr. S.N. Babulkar, learned Advocate General assisted by Mr. P.C. Bisht, learned Additional Chief Standing Counsel for the State. 3. We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner. 4. Having heard learned counsel for the petitioner and having perused the report dated 20.08.2024, authored by the Central Road Research Institute, we have requested the learned Advocate General to enter appearance and assist the Court. The penultimate paragraph of the report reads as under:- <i>"A comprehensive Report is prepared based on the visual inspection of the structures, test results of random NDT, Carbonation Test, Core Test and Laboratory Tests. Suggestions for strengthening/ remedial measures for the defects on various components of bridges and BOQ & cost estimates for Asan Barrage Bridge & other three bridges across power channel (Dakpathar site Ejector to Dhalipur Power House) are also included in the report.</i> <i>Seeing the overall distressed condition of both the bridges along Asan Barrage & other three bridges across power channel (Dakpathar site Ejector to Dhalipur Power House)namely Bhimawala, Skew (NH) and Arch Bridge as suggested during the site inspection no heavy traffic is to be allowed on the bridges. Plying of</i>

the heavy loads over the bridges may leads to collapse of the structure at any time in such a distressed stage at an age of about 60 years. Frequent plying of light vehicle is also not allowed. As suggested earlier during site visit both side height barriers to be put to avoid any traffic on the bridge till the proper strengthening/ rehabilitation measure adopted.”

5. The contents of the above paragraph paint a very dim picture about the stability of the bridge, and it is noted in the report that heavy vehicles, including the passenger vehicles like buses etc., are traversing over the barrage constantly, and there is a serious likelihood of the structure collapsing, and in view of the report made by the governmental organization, affiliated to the Government of India, we have requested the Learned Advocate General to secure a report from the concerned department with regard to the safety and stability of the Asan Barrage bridge, and its capability to handle the traffic traversing over it.

6. Learned Advocate General shall place an interim report before this Court by Monday, i.e. 30.12.2024.

7. In the event, the Engineers of the concerned department are themselves of the view that there is a threat to the stability of the structure, then, they shall forthwith take a decision to ban the vehicular movement over the structure.

8. List this matter on 30.12.2024.

(Manoj Kumar Tiwari, J)

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