

SL. No	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGES'S ORDERS
	09.01.2025		WPPIL No. 204 of 2024 <u>Hon'ble G. Narendar, C.J.</u> <u>Hon'ble Ashish Naithani, J.</u> 1. Heard learned counsel Sri Yogesh Kumar Pacholia on behalf of the petitioner, Sri Vinay Kumar on behalf of the UJVN Ltd./ respondent no. 2, and learned Additional Chief Standing Counsel Sri P.C. Bisht on behalf of the State of Uttarakhand/ respondent nos. 1, 5 & 6. 2. The Chief Secretary - Mrs. Radha Raturi has filed and deposed to an affidavit. We have perused the said affidavit, and more particularly paragraph nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 14 thereof. Though, we are not in agreement with the contents of paragraph no. 11, yet keeping in consideration the stature of the Deponent, of being the Chief Secretary of the State, we are hopeful that the Deponent has held necessary consultations, and considered the expert advice before deposing. 3. The apprehensions, expressed by the Court, are on the basis of the CRRI Report, and the apprehensions have also found support from the said Report. 4. Though the Deponent has sought for modification of our earlier order, and thereby to permit plying of Light Motor Vehicles and Medium Weight Vehicles, we are of the opinion that the weight of the Medium Weight Vehicles can be a cause of concern. It would not be feasible to check the weight of every Medium Weight Vehicle, and if there are cases of the Medium Weight Vehicles being overloaded, it would only add to

		the stress to the structure. That apart, we see in paragraph no. 12 of the affidavit, that the Deponent has stated that the retrofitting of the bridge would be completed in one month. 5. In that view, keeping in view the fact that any eventuality could result in loss of lives, we permit the resumption of plying of Light Motor Vehicles, two-wheelers and three-wheelers only on the bridge. No vehicle, heavier than 7000 kilograms, shall be permitted to ply on the bridge. Our earlier order dated 27.12.2024 stands modified accordingly. 6. Respondent nos. 4, 5 & 6 shall carry the responsibility of ensuring the plying of only the vehicles mentioned in our order <i>supra</i>, and they shall not permit any Motor Vehicle, or Long Chassis Vehicle, other than those mentioned <i>supra</i> to ply on the bridge. They shall, more particularly the 6th respondent, deploy sufficient number of persons near the bridge to ensure the implementation of the undertaking given to this Court by the Chief Secretary in the form of an affidavit dated 08.01.2025. 7. List this case on 14.02.2025. (Ashish Naithani, J.) 09.01.2025 Rahul (G. Narendar, C.J.) 09.01.2025
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