



HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (PIL) No. - 3117 of 2025

Citizen Forum Maharajganj and another

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

The Union of India and 5 others

.....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Petitioner(s)	: Suresh Chandra Dwivedi, Ashutosh Dwivedi, Vinay Kumar
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Chief Justice's Court

HON'BLE ARUN BHANSALI, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE ARUN KUMAR, J.

1. From the instructions produced by the NHAI and the State Government, there is a serious dispute pertaining to the responsibility to maintain the road/the location of the Toll Plaza. While the NHAI relies on provisions of Section 5 of the National Highways Act, 1956 and the notification dated 13 July 2020, the State relies on communication dated 08 October 2025 issued by the Executive Engineer, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department *inter alia* indicating that the NHAI is to provide basic facilities, such as ambulance services, fresh and clean water, public conveniences, emergency cranes and first aid/doctor facilities at the Toll Plaza.

2. In view of the said dispute between the parties, the NHAI and the State authorities as well as the authorities of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways should sit together and take a positive stand pertaining to the responsibility with regard to the said road and the Toll Plaza, and place the same before this Court on the next date.

3. The meeting shall be convened by the authorities of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and first such meeting shall be held on 22 April 2026.

4. The petition be listed before the Court on 07 May 2026.

5. It will be the responsibility of the counsel representing all the three

respondents i.e. the NHAI, the State as well as the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to communicate the order passed by the Court to the respective officers.

(Arun Kumar, J) (Arun Bhansali, CJ)

April 9, 2026

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