

MC (PIL) No. 8 of 2018

Date of order: 15.12.2021

Kynjaimon Amse

Vs.

The Union of India & Ors.

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjib Banerjee, Chief Justice

Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Applicant (s): Mr. S. Panthi, Amicus Curiae

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. R. Debnath, CGC
Mr. S. Sengupta, Addl. Sr. GA

The petitioner relies on some photographs that show the pitiable condition of the unmetalled stretch of road between Borghat and Sonapur.

From the photographs placed by the petitioner, it appears that only tractors or four-wheel drive vehicles adept at tackling hazardous terrain may be able to traverse these stretches covered by the photographs. On behalf of the State, a letter issued by the Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), by way of instructions to Advocate representing the State is placed. Such letter reveals that the in-principle clearance for the 39.6 km stretch to be metalled has been granted by the North Eastern Council under the North East Road Sector Development Scheme. The letter also speaks of an Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee having met on July 7, 2021 when it was agreed that the State government would fund the balance amount of the project beyond the available outlay of Rs. 62.02 crores.

Immediate steps should be taken to obtain funds and commence the work of metalling the said stretch of nearly 40 km, particularly since the internal communication between places on the route have been seriously impeded because of several stretches being virtually non-motorable.

The State has also relied on some photographs to indicate the preliminary strengthening of the road by filling up the potholes and the uneven parts with stone-chips.

It is hoped that the matter will receive the attention of all concerned so that the concrete of a metalled road along the stretch of nearly 40 km is concluded as expeditiously as possible. Let the matter now appear towards the middle of February, 2022.

List on February 18, 2022.

(W. Diengdoh)
Judge

(Sanjib Banerjee)
Chief Justice

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