

**HIGH COURT OF SIKKIM**

Record of proceedings

**W.P. (C) No.53 of 2023**

BHAGIRATH @ BHAKTAMAN  
BISWAKARMA & ORS.

..... PETITIONERS

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

..... RESPONDENTS

Date: 22.04.2024

CORAM :

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BHASKAR RAJ PRADHAN, J.**

For Petitioners : Mr. Ranjit Prasad, Advocate.

For Respondent : Ms. Sangita Pradhan, Deputy Solicitor  
No. 1. General of India, assisted by Ms.  
Natasha Pradhan, Advocate. (*through*  
*V.C.*).  
Ms. Purnima Subba, Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr. Sudipto Mazumdar, Senior  
No.2 Advocate (*through V.C.*).  
Ms. Gita Bista, Ms. Anu Sharma, Mr.  
Dipendra Chettri, Advocates.  
Ms. Sangita Pradhan, Deputy Solicitor  
General of India, assisted by Ms.  
Natasha Pradhan, Advocate. (*through*  
*V.C.*).  
Ms. Purnima Subba, Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr. Yadev Sharma, Government  
Nos. 3 to 6. Advocate.  
Mr. Sujan Sunwar, Assistant  
Government Advocate.

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**1.** None of the respondents have filed their counter affidavits, although time was granted to them. They seek two weeks further time to file their counter affidavits. Time prayed for is granted. Two weeks thereafter, to the petitioner to file rejoinder, if required.

**2.** List on 06.06.2024

**Judge**