

**HIGH COURT OF SIKKIM : GANGTOK**  
Record of Proceedings

**WP(PIL) No. 02 of 2026**

IN RE- DILAPIDATED RANGPO-RORATHANG STRETCH RAISES SAFETY AND ECONOMIC CONCERNS

For Petitioner :

For Respondents

R-1 : Mr. Aarohi Bhalla, Additional Advocate General (through V.C.) with Mr. Thinlay Dorjee Bhutia, Government Advocate and Mr. Sujan Sunwar, Asst. Government Advocate.

R-2 : Ms. Sangita Pradhan, Deputy Solicitor General of India with Ms. Natasha Pradhan, Ms. Sittal Balmiki and Mr. Amit Kumar Sharma, Advocates.

R-3 : None.

**Date: 10/03/2026**

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. MUHAMED MUSTAQUE, CHIEF JUSTICE**  
**HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI MADAN RAI, JUDGE**

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**O R D E R: (per the Hon'ble, the Chief Justice)**

This is a *suo moto* writ petition initiated by this High Court based on a newspaper report published in the *Sikkim Express* and also based on the report placed before the Registry by the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority pursuant to the directions of the Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim and Patron-in-Chief, SSLSA. The report is also on record. The report indicates that the 11-kilometres stretch from Rangpo town up to the Rorathang Bridge has a surface riddled with large and deep potholes, eroded and broken patches, cracked pavement layers, and narrowed carriageways at multiple points.

In the light of the report, we have decided to *suo moto* initiate this Public Interest Litigation (PIL).

Learned Additional Advocate General appears for Respondent No.01.

Learned Deputy Solicitor General of India appears for Respondent No.02.

Issue notice to the Respondent No.03 returnable within two weeks.

Registry is directed to serve a copy of the report of the Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, East & North at Gangtok, to the learned Counsel appearing for Respondent Nos.2 and 3.

Stand over to 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.

**(Meenakshi Madan Rai)**  
**Judge**

**(A. Muhamed Mustaque)**  
**Chief Justice**