

WP (PIL) No. 06/2016
Nim Chogyal Lepcha & Anr. vs. State of Sikkim & Anr.

BEFORE
MR. JUSTICE SATISH K. AGNIHOTRI, CJ. &
MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI MADAN RAI, J.

30.08.17 Present: Mr. Jagan D. Thapa and Mr. Sunil Rai, Advocates for
(Agnihotri, CJ) the Petitioner.

Mr. J.B. Pradhan, Add. Advocate General with Mr. S.K. Chettri and Ms. Pollin Rai, Assistant Government Advocates for the State-Respondents.

Mr. Rajen Sharma, Chief Engineer and Mr. Sherab T. Ganserpa, Divisional Engineer (East-I), Roads and Bridges Department, in-person.

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On presentation of the instant writ petition, this Court took cognizance on 23rd September 2016, and issued a notice to the concerned Department.

The Department has filed several affidavits indicating some steps taken by them.

Needless to state that the initial contract for upgradation and strengthening of Ranka-Sichey Road in Gangtok, East Sikkim, was awarded on 20th May 2011, with a direction to complete the same within a period of eighteen months. Thereafter, it appears that the same Contractor was granted time again and again without verifying the fact as to why the contract could not be completed within the specified period.

The Chief Engineer, Roads and Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim, has filed an affidavit dated 28th August 2017 stating that substantial works have been

done, the entire work may be completed within a period of two months.

Be that as it may, having regard to the fact situation, wherein, the Contractor was given a long rope without assigning a reason, the Authorities are directed to get the work completed within a period of four weeks from today and submit a report, failing which, necessary enquiry may be initiated.

List it on 05.10.2017.

Judge
30.08.2017

Chief Justice
30.08.2017

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 Internet : Yes / ~~No~~