

In Re : Road to School, Hamirpur Vs. State of U.P. and others

HON'BLE ARUN BHANSALI, CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE KSHITIJ SHAILENDRA, J.

1. A news item published in Dainik Jagaran dated 12.08.2026 has attracted the attention of this Court wherein several school children were required to agitate along with their parents at the office of District Magistrate, Hamirpur on account of lack of road to their school at Village-Chandupur, District-Hamirpur. The children walked for 5 Kms. as part of the said agitation, which reflects the magnitude of difficulties being faced by them.

2. The news item indicates that the District Collector indicated that the responsibility of construction of the road is that of Public Works Department and the Executive Engineer of the Public Works Department admitted that about 1.5 Kms. road is in bad condition and for lack of NOC from the Forest Department, the work is stuck. There is a proposal worth Rs. 1.81 crore for the same and as soon as the budget is received, the construction would start.

3. The above status pertaining to the road leading to a children's school in a village wherein the small school going children have to agitate before the District Collector for a work, which is the responsibility of the State, cannot be countenanced. In the circumstances, we take *suo moto* cognizance of the said newspaper report.

4. Office is directed to register the matter Civil Writ (PIL) under the title 'In Re : Road to School, Hamirpur Vs. State of U.P. and others'. Issue notice to the State of Uttar Pradesh; District Magistrate, Hamirpur; Principal Secretary, Public Works Department, U.P., Lucknow; Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Hamirpur; and Principal Secretary, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department, U.P., Lucknow as party respondents.

5. Mr. Manish Goyal, Additional Advocate General and Mr. A.K. Goyal, Additional Chief Standing Counsel are directed to accept notice on behalf of

the respondents, who would respond to the fact situation as well as the steps being taken by the State for remedying the situation without any loss of further time.

6. The petition be again listed on 24.08.2026, as fresh.

7. The newspaper item is annexed with the present order. Copy of this order and newspaper be supplied to learned A.A.G. and learned A.C.S.C. by the office.

(Kshitij Shailendra,J.) (Arun Bhansali,CJ.)

August 14, 2026

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