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THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)
KOHIMA BENCH

Case No. : COP(C)/26/2026

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD AND ANR
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS GOVT. OF INDIA, 3RD FLOOR PTI BUILDING 4 PARLIAMENT STREET NEW DELHI - 110001. AND PRESENTLY SITUATED AT 1ST AND 2ND FLOOR, TOWER - A, WORLD TRADFE CENTRE NAUROJI NAGAR, NEW DELHI - 110029 AND REPRESENTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (P), NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD. R.O - KOHIMA PWD COLONY, KOHIMA, NAGALAND

2: THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (P)
NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.
RO - KOHIMA
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NAGALAND - 79700

VERSUS

B. HENOK BUCHEM AND 62 ORS
THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER KOHIMA, DISTRICT - KOHIMA, NAGALAND

2:MR. KEVILETUO YIESE
S/O LATE SATUO YIESE
R/O SEIKHAZOU COLONY
D KHEL
KOHIMA VILLAGE
KOHIMA
NAGALAND.

3:MR ZELUOLIE KIRE
S/O DUOLIE KIRE
R/O SEIKHAZOU
D KHEL
KOHIMA VILLAGE
KOHIMA NAGALAND

4:MR. KEZEVITUO KERETSU
S/O LATE THEPFULE-U
D KHEL
KOHIMA VILLAGE
KOHIMA NAGALAND

5:MR. RUOKUOSATO KERETSU
S/O KONHE KERETSU
D KHEL
KOHIMA VILLAGE
KOHIMA NAGALAND

6:MR. KHRIESAKUOLIE KIRE
S/O LATE ZELHOULIE KIRE
D KHEL
KOHIMA VILLAGE
KOHIMA NAGALAND

7:MR. NEILAZETUO KIRE
S/O LATE KELUOKIELIE KIRE
R/O SEIKHAZOU COLONY
D KHEL
KOHIMA VILLAGE
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8:MR KENEILETUO KIRE
S/O LATE NEILASAKUOLIE KIRE
R/O LOWER SEIKHAZOU COLONY
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9:MR. LHOULABEITUO KHEZHIE
S/O LATE M. ZELHOULIE KHEZHIE
D KHEL
KOHIMA VILLAGE
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10:MR. MESEKHRIETUO KHEZHIE
S/O LATE AVIU KHEZGIE
D KHEL

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11:MR. VIBEIZOTUO KEDITSU
S/O LATE VITSU KEDITSU
D KHEL
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12:MR. PEKRUVOTSO KIRE
S/O LATE VILHOUTSO KIRE
R/O SEIKHAZOU COLONY
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13:MR. KEDUONEIU SACHU
S/O LATE B.KHRIEZOTUO SACHU
D KHEL
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14:MR DIETHOSELHOU SACHU
S/O LATE D SACHU
D KHEL
KOHIMA VILLAGE
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15:ER. V. NEIBA PIENYU
S/O LATE KETSEIU PEINYU
D KHEL
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16:MR RUOKUOVI KEDITSU
S/O LATE NEILASAKUOLIE KIRE
R/O SEIKHAZOU COLONY
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17:MR KENEILHOULIE KEDITSU
S/O LATE NEINGULIE KEDITSU
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18:MR. KO-O KEDITSU

S/O LATE RHICHA
R/O SEIKHAZOU COLONY
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19:MR METSEI PIENYU
S/O LATE KEMIERHU PIENYU
R/O SEIKHAZOU COLONY
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23:MR. RUOKUOSAZO SACHU
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24:MR. KIKRULHOULIE KHEZHIE
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R/O BASAZOU
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32:MR R.BEILIE SORHIE
R/O KITSUBOZOU
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33:MR KEKHRIENGULIE KHEZHIE
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34:MR. METHANEILIE SUOKHRIE
R/O L-KHEL
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35:MR. NEISEVOTUO SORHIE
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37:MR. RHEIZEZOLIE PIENYU
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42:MR VIZOVOTUO KEDITSU
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50:MR KETOUNEI KIRE
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Advocate for the Petitioner : P J SAIKIA, K J SAIKIA,ASENLA

LONGKUMER,AKHRIEU CHUSI

Advocate for the Respondent : V. ZHIMOMI (R-1),

BEFORE
HONBLE MR JUSTICE NCHUMBEMO MOZHUI

O R D E R (ORAL)

15.10.2026

Heard Mr. Akhrieu Chusi, learned counsel for the Petitioners. Also heard Mr. Veto V. Zhimomi, learned counsel for Respondent No. 1 and Ms. Lhousino, learned counsel for Respondent Nos. 2 to 63.

2. This hon'ble Court, by Order dated 25.06.2025 in I.A. (Civil)/98/2025 arising out of WA/6/2025 had directed the State Government and its instrumentalities including the Deputy Commissioner and the local Police authorities to ensure maintenance of law and order and to extend all necessary protection and cooperation to the Contractor and Implementing Agency to facilitate unhindered progress of the project. Further the Authorities were directed to personally monitor the construction and take immediate action on any complaint of obstruction or law and order issue relating to the construction work.

3. It is the contention of the Petitioners that inspite of such directions issued, the Respondents in the instant contempt petition has not complied with the direction of this Court. As such, the contempt petition has been initiated against the Respondents.

4. On the other hand, Mr. Veto V. Zhimomi, learned Government

Advocate for Respondent No. 1 submits that in compliance of this Court's Order dated 25.05.2025, the Respondent No. 1 has issued a Circular No. DC(K)/REV/2-LANE/KMA-BYPASS/2019(Part)/92B dated 17.07.2025, calling for a joint inspection for ROW demarcation including all the landowners as well as the stakeholders. Thereafter, another Circular No. DC(K)/REV/2-LANE/KMA-BYPASS/2019(Part)/136B dated 30.07.2025 for joint inspection of ROW demarcation. Thereafter, a Letter No. DC(K)/REV/2-LANE/KMA-BYPASS/2019(Part)/304 'B' dated 25.09.2025, the Respondent No. 1 wrote to the Petitioners' Authority with regard to the removal of standing structure on the proposed road construction.

5. Accordingly, by Letter No. WP(C)NO.50/2022/19C dated 15.01.2026, the Respondent No. 1 wrote to the Petitioners' Authority with regard to the Compliance Report in terms of the direction passed in Order dated 25.06.2025, in I.A.(Civil)/98/2025.

6. Ms. Lhousino, learned counsel appearing for the Respondent Nos. 2 to 63 submits that in view of the direction of the Court in Order dated 25.06.2025, the Respondents have restrained themselves from interfering into the works as being carried out by the Petitioners and their Agencies and as of date, they are complying with the direction of this Court.

7. Heard the parties and on perusal of the Records and the affidavits filed by the Respondents, more particularly Respondent No. 1, it appears that in compliance with the Court's Order dated 25.06.2025, appropriate steps have been taken with regard to maintaining law and order and appropriate execution of the work by the EPC Contractors whereby the

administration has taken up steps for non-interference by the landowners, which has not been denied/refuted by the Petitioners at this stage.

8. This Court has also further taken consideration of the undertaking made by the Respondent Nos. 2 to 63 who are the landowners and also the Respondents in the WA/6/2025. The undertaking is to the extent that they are not disrupting the progress of the work after the Court's Order was passed and they are continuing the same till date.

9. In view of the submission made by the Respondents it appears that no case is being made out by the Petitioners calling for interference of this Court by initiating contempt proceedings against the Respondents at this stage. Further, in terms of the direction of the Court, due compliance has been effected by the Respondent No. 1 in particular and also Respondent Nos. 2 to 63 and as such, at this stage, the contempt needs to be closed for the aforesaid reason.

10. Accordingly, the contempt petition is closed. No order as to cost.

11. The closure of this contempt petition will not be a bar for the Petitioner or its implementing agencies to approach the appropriate authority if there is no hindrance so far as the construction of the road is concerned.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant