Item-13. 10-07-2025

> Birendra Nath Mahato Vs. Union of India & Ors.

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- The report filed by the State with regard to the present status of Balurghat-Hili New Railway Line Project and the report filed by the respondent nos. 2 to 4 disclosing the present status of the project are taken on record.
- 2. It appears from the report filed by the State that from time to time, the land was acquired for the said project and total area acquired till 18th June, 2025 is 386.4155 acres, the possession whereof shall be given immediately to the Railway authorities.
- 3. The respondent nos. 2 to 4 in the said report has disclosed that out of total 9 major bridges planned under the project substructure of 4 major bridges (Bridge nos. 4, 16, 20 and 36) have been completed. The works on four other bridges (Bridge nos. 19, 29, 30 and 32) are currently in progress. Further, both substructure and super-structure works of Bridge no. 26 are almost completed and ancillary works are in progress.

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- 4. It is further submitted that the General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) of all major, minor bridge, Road Under Bridge (RUB) have been approved. The L-section drawings for the entire alignment have been approved by the and further Yard Plans (ESP) for all proposed stations namely, Balurghat, Kamarpara, Trimohini and HIlli are already approved and GAD of ROB(IA) is under process of approval.
- 5. In the said report it has been stated that owing to practical difficulties in land acquisition, the project was bifurcated into two distinct parts for phased execution. The report also shows that in part A, the land required was 169.89 acres and till date 169.89 acres of land has been acquired and handed over. Similarly, in respect of Part-B, entire land required was 216.52 acres and till date, 216.52 acres of land has been handed over. Engineering, Procedure and Construction (EPC) works are under process.
- 6. The matter shall be reviewed after **four weeks**.
- The respondent nos. 2 to 4 shall file a report in the form of an affidavit disclosing steps taken in the meantime towards completion of the project.

(Soumen Sen, J.)

(Smita Das De, J.)