HIGH COURT OF SIKKIM : GANGTOK
Record of Proceedings

WP(PIL) No.11 of 2026

IN RE- CLIMATIC JUSTICE IN THE STATE OF SIKKIM

For Petitioner(s)	:	Mr. Sudhir Mishra, Advocate as Amicus Curiae assisted by Ms. Ritwika Nanda, Mr. Petal Chandhok, Advocates (through VC). Dr (Mrs.) Doma T. Bhutia, Mr. T. R. Barfungpa, Senior Advocates as Amici Curiae.
For Respondent(s) R-1 to R-12	:	Mr. S. K. Chettri and Mr. Yadev Sharma Government Advocates with Mr. Sujan Sunwar, Assistant Government Advocate.
R-13	:	Ms. Sangita Pradhan, Deputy Solicitor General of India (through VC) with Mr. Amit Kumar Sharma and Ms. Anuradha Timsina, Advocates.

Date : 17/09/2026

CORAM
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. MUHAMED MUSTAQUE, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BHASKAR RAJ PRADHAN, JUDGE

ORDER: (per the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

This *Suo Motu* Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has been initiated by this Court taking note of the severe hardship and impact of the recent flash floods in neighboring Nepal.

The grounds for initiating these proceedings are detailed in the note of the Hon'ble Chief Justice. The Court has appointed Mr. Sudhir Mishra, Advocate, Dr. (Mrs.) Doma T. Bhutia and Mr. T. R. Barfungpa, Senior Advocates, as *Amici Curiae* to assist the Court in this matter.

At the outset, the Court considers it imperative to hear the public and potentially local communities who are likely to be affected by providing an accessible platform for them to voice their concerns.

The Registry is directed to forward a copy of these proceedings to all local print and digital media outlets, including the Sikkim Express, to raise public awareness and invite opinions or suggestions. Submissions may be routed through the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority (SSLSA) or submitted directly to the Registrar of this High Court.

Heard Mr. Sudhir Mishra, learned *Amicus Curiae*.

The Court deems it necessary to implead the following entities as respondents:

1. Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority;

2. Power Department, Government of Sikkim;

3. Ministry of Railways, Government of India;

4. National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (NHIDCL).

Issue notice.

The learned Government Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the Power Department, Government of Sikkim, and waives formal service.

In the absence of a standing counsel for the Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA), the Registry shall issue notice to the SSDMA upon meeting necessary process fees.

The learned Deputy Solicitor General of India accepts notice on behalf of the Ministry of Railways and waives formal service.

The SSLSA is directed to assist the *Amici Curiae* in gathering local inputs and information from various regions.

The Registry shall carry out the necessary procedural compliance.

Post the matter after two weeks.

Re-listed for hearing on 06.10.2026.

(Bhaskar Raj Pradhan)
Judge

(A. Muhamed Mustaque)
Chief Justice

bp/ami/arc