

Item No.S-5

Court on its own motion vs. State of Himachal Pradesh and others

CMP No.22818 of 2026 in CWPIL No.146 of 2017

08.09.2026 Present: Mr. Rohit, Advocate, for the applicant.

Mr. Arsh Rattan, Deputy Advocate General, for the respondent-State.

The present application has been filed for granting permission for organizing “Chinj & Jatar Mela” on the ground of Government Senior Secondary School, Telka, District Chamba, Himachal Pradesh, on 12.09.2026 and 13.09.2026, being the Second Saturday and Sunday.

It has been mentioned that the said Mela (Chinj & Jatar Mela) is traditional and has been continuously organized for the past 40 to 50 years on the sports ground adjacent to the Government Senior Secondary School (GSSS) Telka, District Chamba. It has further been mentioned that approximately 3.5 Bigha of land comprising the sports ground was originally donated by the local villagers, specifically for the public welfare, sports and social cultural activities of the region. The said sports ground is located at a safe distance of approximately 50 meters away from the main school building and academic blocks.

Learned Deputy Advocate General has submitted that on Second Saturday and Sunday, the school remains closed.

In such circumstances, keeping in view the peculiar facts and circumstances, we allow the application, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) That no damage shall be caused to the property of the school and its playground, where the event is proposed to be organized.***
- (ii) That after the event is over, the playground shall be handed over to the Principal of the school aforesaid, in a neat and clean condition and it shall be ensured that no plastic is used except that one permissible under the law. The administration shall ensure that the playground is cleaned after the event.***
- (iii) That the law and order shall be maintained by the local administration during the said period.***
- (iv) That the applicant shall deposit a sum of Rs.20,000/- in the Students Welfare Fund of the school concerned.***

The Application stands disposed of accordingly.

(G.S. Sandhawalia)
Chief Justice

September 08, 2026 (KS)

(Bipin C. Negi)
Judge