IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA.

CWP No.7473 of 2024
Decided on: 30th October, 2025

Tushar Goel .....Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P and others ...Respondents

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The Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.S.Sandhawalia, Chief Justice.

The Hon'ble Mr.Justice Jiya Lal Bhardwaj, Judge.

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the petitioner:	**Mr.Suneet Goel, Senior Advocate with Mr.Vivek Negi, Advocate.**
For the respondents:	**Ms.Priyanka Chauhan, Deputy Advocate General for respondents No.1 to 3.**

G.S. Sandhawalia, Chief Justice (Oral)

The limited issue in the present writ petition is for issuance of work done certificate to the petitioner qua the work in question i.e., construction of Wildlife Interpretation Centre.

2. On 14.10.2025, we had passed the following order:-

> *"Keeping in view the averments made by the petitioner in the rejoinder that the respondents did not take over the possession of the building till 09.01.2022*

[1] *Whether the reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgment? Yes.*

and averments made by respondent No.3 in the sur rejoinder that the petitioner had handed over the incomplete building to the Department on 09.01.2022.

2. Counsel for respondents No.1 to 3-State prays for time to seek necessary instructions as to what is the hitch in granting the work certificate which was the basic prayer as such, keeping in view the findings recorded by the learned Arbitrator vide Annexure P-4 and the works having been completed by the claimant by May, 2018.

3. Accordingly, the proceedings are deferred for 30.10.2025."

3. Today, two communications dated 28.10.2025 and 30.10.2025 issued by the Deputy Conservator of Forests Wildlife Division, Hamirpur and Conservator of Forests Wildlife Circle (North) Dharamshala have been placed on record. The relevant instructions which have now been issued read as under:-

"1. That there is no impediment to issuing the Work Done Certificate in accordance with the findings of the learned Arbitrator. However, since the amount payable for the said completed work is under dispute and is presently sub-judice before the Hon'ble Court (Case No: Arbitration Act./0000058/2024), it shall be clearly stated in the Work Done Certificate that it is being issued subject to the final outcome of the appellate proceedings, and without prejudice to the rights and contentions of the Department regarding the disputed amount. However, the petitioner has not completed the

work according to the agreement dated 26th February, 2016 and the amount of work done is under dispute and is presently sub-judice before the Hon'ble Court.

It is therefore requested kindly to apprise the Hon'ble High Court in the instant case."

4. Keeping in view the above, we are of the considered opinion that the requisite certificate be issued to the petitioner in terms as decided by the Conservator of Forests. Needful be done within a week from today.

5. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of, so also the pending applications, if any.

(**G.S. Sandhawalia**)
Chief Justice

(**Jiya Lal Bhardwaj**)
Judge

October 30, 2025
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