IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

COPC No. 692 of 2024

Date of Decision: 24.4.2026.

Pritam Chand (deceased) through his LRs .....Petitioners.

Versus

Chanchla Devi ... Respondent.

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Romesh Verma, Judge.

Whether approved for reporting? [1]

For the petitioners: Mr. Rohit, Advocate.

For the respondents: Mr. R.K. Gautam, Sr. Advocate, with
Mr. Sahil Dixit, Advocate.

Romesh Verma, Judge(*oral*):

The present contempt petition has been instituted by the respondent in the Regular Second Appeal with the averments that despite the interim order of stay, which has been passed by this Court on 26.7.2012 in CMP No. 330 of 2012, whereby the parties were directed to maintain status quo qua nature, possession and title in respect of the suit property till disposal of the main appeal, the appellant has raised construction over the suit land.

2. It has been averred in the application that taking advantage of the fact that Pritam Chand had expired on 3.1.2024.

[1] *Whether the reporters of the local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?*

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The appellant in the RSA, namely, Chanchla Devi along with her two sons, namely, Jalam Singh and Sudesh Kumar have started making illegal and unauthorized construction over the suit land comprised in Khasra No. 744.

3. In order to substantiate their contention, the petitioner has placed on record the copy of the General Diary and the photographs in order to show that the appellant in the RSA had raised the construction over the suit land. The photographs, which have been appended in the present petition show that certain pillars have been erected and on that count, after perusing the same, notices were issued to the respondent in the RSA.

4. On the last date of hearing, when the matter was fixed, it was stated by Mr. R.K. Gautam, learned Senior Counsel for the respondents that both the parties are trying to reconcile the matter and they are in talks with the present petitioner. Therefore, on his request, the case was fixed for today.

5. Today, Mr. R.K. Gautam, learned Senior Counsel for the respondents has placed on record the photographs in order to demonstrate and show that the alleged structure which has been raised during the pendency of the appeal stands demolished. The said photographs are taken on record. The said submission of Mr. R.K. Gautam, learned Senior Counsel for the respondents are

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admitted by Mr. Rohit, learned counsel for the petitioner and he endorses and acknowledges that the structure, which was raised during the pendency of the appeal stands demolished.

6. The son of the respondent, namely, Jalam Singh is present in the Court. He tenders his unconditional apology for raising construction on the pretext that he was not knowing the intricacy of law and the said construction was raised on some wrong belief. The apology of the respondent is accepted and keeping in view the fact that the structure which was raised has been demolished by the respondent, therefore, nothing remains to be adjudicated in the present case and after discharging the notice, the present petition is closed.

(Romesh Verma),
Judge

22nd April, 2026
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