IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH AT SHIMLA

COPC No.1262 of 2026
IN
CWP No.16061 of 2025
Decided on: 06.10.2026

Chander Kant .....Petitioner

Versus

Rohit Rathore ....Respondent

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjan Sharma, Judge

[1] *Whether approved for reporting?*

For the petitioner: Mr. H.R. Bhardwaj, Advocate.

For the respondent: Mr. Varun Chandel, Additional Advocate General.

Ranjan Sharma, Judge

Petitioner has invoked contempt jurisdiction of this Court, alleging non-compliance of the order dated 14.10.2025 *[Annexure C-1],* passed by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, in ***CWP No.16061 of 2025,*** titled as *Sanjay Thakur versus State* wherein, Chander Kant, being Respondent No.4 in the said Writ Petition, was directed to be considered for appointment against available vacancy, but his case has neither been considered nor has he been appointed against any available vacancy.

2. Matter was listed on 08.09.2026, when,

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

Respondent, as prayed, was granted three weeks' time to file Response/Compliance Affidavit.

3. Upon listing of the matter today, Learned State Counsel has furnished a copy of *Instructions* dated 05.10.2026 alongwith a copy of Office Order dated 05.10.2026 issued by Director Technical Education, Vocational and Industrial Training, Himachal Pradesh, at Sundernagar, whereby, the claim of petitioner-Chander Kant, for appointment has been rejected, on the ground that presently no vacancy corresponding to General EWS Category, is available.

4. Considering the fact that State Authorities have considered the matter and passed rejection orders dated 05.10.2026, therefore, this Court is of the considered view, that action of State Authorities is not at all contemptuous. No wilful and intentional disobedience is made out against the Respondent herein. Even otherwise, once the rejection order has been passed on 05.10.2026, the petitioner is free to assail the same in appropriate proceedings, in accordance with law.

5. Considering the matter in above perspective, the present contempt proceedings are closed and notice of contempt is discharged.

6. In view of the passing of rejection orders, liberty is reserved to the petitioner to avail appropriate remedy hereinafter, in accordance with law.

In aforesaid terms, instant petition and all the pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(Ranjan Sharma)
Judge

October 06, 2026
[Bhardwaj]