IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH AT SHIMLA

COPC No.1699 of 2026

IN

CWP No.16466 of 2025

Decided on: 26.10.2026

Sohan Lal and others .....Petitioners

Versus

Rakesh Kanwar and another ....Respondents

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjan Sharma, Judge

[1] *Whether approved for reporting?*

For the petitioners: Mr. Santosh Kumar, Advocate.

For the respondents: Mr. Sumit Sharma, Deputy Advocate General.

Ranjan Sharma, Judge

Petitioners have invoked contempt jurisdiction of this Court, alleging non-compliance of the order dated 08.07.2026 *[Annexure C-2],* passed by this Court, in ***CMP No.16043 of 2026 in CWP No.16466 of 2025,*** titled as *Dinesh Sharma and Ors. versus State of HP and Anr.* The Operative part of the order reads as under:-

> **"CMP No.16043 of 2026**
>
> Heard. Instead of CWP No. 1638 of 2024 *(Mohit Sharma and Another Vs. State of H.P. and others)* decided on 29.11.2024, respondent-Competent Authority shall consider

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

> and decide the representation(s) of the petitioners, keeping in view CWP No. 4830 of 2023 *(Inder Singh Thakur & Ors Vs. State of H.P. & Ors)* decided alongwith connected matter on 07.04.2025. To this an extent, the judgment dated 17.10.2025 is modified....."

2. Learned Counsel for the petitioners submits that neither the representation(s) *[annexed with the said Writ Petition]* have been decided nor a speaking order has been conveyed to them as yet.

3. Heard.

4. Notice. Mr. Sumit Sharma, Learned Deputy Advocate General, appears and waives service of notice on behalf of the respondents.

5. *At this stage,* Learned Counsel for the petitioners prays that Respondents may be directed to implement the order dated 08.07.2026 *[Annexure C-2]* in a time bound manner. Prayer being innocuous, is not opposed by Learned State Counsel also.

6. Considering the matter in above perspective and as prayed by Learned Counsel for the petitioners, instant petition is closed, with a direction to the Respondents to decide the representation(s), by passing a speaking order and to convey the decision *[if not already*

conveyed], within six weeks from today.

7. Notices issued to the respondents shall stand discharged, accordingly.

8. Needless to say that in case the order passed by this Court, is not complied with, the petitioners are free to seek appropriate remedy, 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 26, 2026
[Bhardwaj]