IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH AT SHIMLA

COPC No.1772 of 2026

IN

CWP No.12186 of 2026

Decided on: 02.11.2026

Anita Thakur and others .....Petitioners

Versus

Devesh Kumar and others ....Respondents

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjan Sharma, Judge

[1] *Whether approved for reporting?*

For the petitioners: Mr. Vinod Chauhan, Advocate.

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

Ranjan Sharma, Judge

Petitioners have invoked contempt jurisdiction of this Court, alleging non-compliance of the order/ judgment dated 22.07.2026 *[Annexure C-1],* passed by the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court, in ***CWP No.12186 of 2026,*** titled as *Anita Thakur & Ors. versus State of H.P. & Ors.* The Operative part of the order/judgment reads as under:-

> "2. This petition is disposed of with the direction that after the adjudication in Letters Patent

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

> Appeal by the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court, which has been preferred by the State against judgment dated 07.04.2025, passed by the Hon'ble Coordinate Bench of this Court in Inder Singh Thakur and others versus State of Himachal Pradesh and others, the representation of the petitioners be decided by the Authority within eight weeks as from the date of the adjudication of the Hon'ble Division Bench....."

2. Heard.

3. Notice. Mr. Varun Chandel, Learned Additional Advocate General, appears and waives service of notice on behalf of the Respondents.

4. Perusal of the order/judgment indicates that Respondent-Competent Authority, was directed to decide the representation of the petitioners, within a stipulated period, from the date of adjudication of Letters Patent Appeal pending before the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court in the case of ***Inder Singh Thakur***, referred to in the said order/judgment.

5. Learned State Counsel states that Letters Patent Appeal in the case of ***Inder Singh Thakur*** is still pending. This fact is also not disputed by Learned Counsel for the petitioners.

6. Considering the matter in above perspective

and keeping in view the conditional order/judgment passed on 22.07.2026 *[Annexure C-1]*, this Court, is of the considered view that contempt petition is pre-mature, at this stage, and the same is dismissed accordingly.

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

8. As prayed, liberty is reserved to the petitioners to avail appropriate remedy, in accordance with law, if so desire.

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

(Ranjan Sharma)
Judge

November 02, 2026
[Bhardwaj]