IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH AT SHIMLA

COPC No.1700 of 2026

IN

CWP No.14920 of 2026

Decided on: 26.10.2026

Shankar Lal .....Petitioner

Versus

Rakesh Kanwar and another ....Respondents

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjan Sharma, Judge

[1] *Whether approved for reporting?*

For the petitioner: Mr. Vikrant, Advocate.

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

Ranjan Sharma, Judge

Petitioner has invoked contempt jurisdiction of this Court, alleging non-compliance of the order dated 01.09.2026 *[Annexure C-1],* passed by this Court, in ***CWP No.14920 of 2026,*** titled as *Shankar Lal versus State of H.P. & Anr.* The Operative part of the order reads as under:-

> "2. Petitioner's grievance is that his representation dated 20.05.2026 (Annexure P-3), seeking applicability ***Inder Singh Thakur & Ors. Vs. State of H.P. & Ors.***

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

> has not been decided till date by the respondents/competent authority. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner would be content, in case, respondents/competent authority are directed to consider and decide the aforesaid representation of the petitioner, in accordance with law, within a time bound manner. Learned Additional Advocate General has no objection to this prayer.
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> Having regard to the above submissions, but without examining the merits of the matters, the writ petition is disposed of by directing the respondents/competent authority to consider and decide the aforesaid representation of the petitioner, in accordance with law as well as taking into consideration the above judgment, within a period of six weeks from today. The order so passed be also communicated to the petitioner....."

2. Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that neither the representation dated 20.05.2026 *[Annexure P-3 annexed with the said Writ Petition]* has been decided nor has a speaking order been conveyed to him 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 petitioner prays that Respondents may be directed to implement the order dated 01.09.2026 *[Annexure C-1]* 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 petitioner, instant petition is closed, with a direction to the Respondents to decide the representation dated 20.05.2026, 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]