IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

COPC No.1701 of 2026

Date of Decision: 26.10.2026

Man Singh .....Petitioner

Versus

Rakesh Kanwar & another ... Respondents

Coram:
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sandeep Sharma, Judge.
Whether approved for reporting? [1]

For the Petitioner: Mr. Vikrant, Advocate.

For the Respondent: Mr. Rajan Kahol, Additional Advocate General with Mr. Ravi Chauhan and Mr. Anish Banshtu, Deputy Advocate Generals.

Sandeep Sharma, Judge(oral):

By way of instant contempt petition, prayer has been made on behalf of the petitioner for initiation of contempt proceedings against the respondents for their having intentionally and deliberately disobeyed the mandate contained in judgment/order dated 31.08.2026 passed by Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in CWP No. 14911 of 2026, titled **Man Singh vs. State of Himachal Pradesh and another.**

2. Careful perusal of aforesaid order/judgment, alleged to have been violated, reveals that Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, while disposing of the petition, directed the respondents to consider

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

and decide the representation of the petitioner in light of judgment dated 07.04.2025 passed by Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in CWP No.4830 of 2023, titled **Inder Singh Thakur & others vs. State of Himachal Pradesh and others,** within a period of six weeks. Since, despite there being specific direction to do the needful, as taken note above, respondents failed to do the needful in terms of aforesaid judgment, petitioner has approached this Court in the instant proceedings.

3. Mr. Rajan Kahol, learned Additional Advocate General representing the respondents, states that though he has every reason to believe and presume that by now aforesaid judgment/ order alleged to have been violated, must have been complied with, but if not, same would be complied with within a period of three weeks from today.

4. Consequently, in view of the fair statement made by learned Additional Advocate General, this Court sees no reason to keep the present proceedings alive and accordingly, same are closed with the direction to the respondents to do the needful in terms of judgment/order dated 31.08.2026 passed by Co-ordinate Bench of this Court positively within a period of three weeks, if not already done, failing which, they would further aggravate the contempt. Petitioner is at liberty to get the present proceedings revived in case aforesaid judgment is not complied with, so that appropriate action, in

accordance with law is taken against the erring officials. Notices issued to the respondents are hereby discharged accordingly.

(Sandeep Sharma),
Judge

October 26, 2026
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