IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.19371 of 2025

Date of Decision: 03.11.2026

Sohan Singh .....Petitioners

Versus

State of Himachal Pradesh & others ... Respondents

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

For the Petitioner: Mr. Yug Singhal, Advocate.

For the Respondents: Mr. Rajan Kahol, Additional Advocate General with Mr. Ravi Chauhan & Mr. Anish Banshtu, Deputy Advocates General.

Sandeep Sharma, Judge(oral):

By way of instant petition, petitioner has prayed for following main relief:-

> " That writ in the nature of mandamus may very kindly be issued directing the respondents to provide water connection to the petitioner from Lambi Dehar to Solang, Water Scheme at the point where pipe line passes through land of petitioner and where the connection was earlier provided."

2. Relief, as prayed for in the instant petition, has been seriously refuted by the respondents by filing reply, wherein it has been stated that water connection cannot be provided to the petitioner from the main line.

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

3. Precisely, the claim of the petitioner, as has been highlighted in the petition and further canvassed by Mr. Yug Singhal, learned counsel for the petitioner, is that since land of the petitioner was utilized for laying the water line and no compensation in lieu thereof has been claimed by him, petitioner herein was provided water connection from the main line, which he had been using for the last two years. However, now without there being any justification, the same has been disconnected. He states that representation filed by petitioner to the Engineer-in-Chief, Jal Shakti Vibhag, Himachal Pradesh (Annexure P-7), is still pending consideration. Since no decision has been taken upon the same by the competent authority, petitioner is facing scarcity of water, for the reason that his house is situated at the extreme end of the village and the connection provided to him through domestic line by the respondent- IPH is of no use, as by the time water reaches the house of the petitioner, it loses the requisite water pressure.

4. Since the representation (Annexure P-7) is yet to be decided by the competent authority, this Court without going into merits of the case, deems it fit to dispose of the same with a direction to Engineer-in-Chief, Jal Shakti Vibhag, and Himachal Pradesh, to decide the representation expeditiously, preferably within a period of two weeks. Ordered accordingly. Needless to say, authority concerned, while

doing the needful in terms of instant order, shall afford an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and pass appropriate order, taking note of the fact that for the last two years, petitioner was provided connection from the main line and as a result thereof, no inconvenience of any kind was being caused to other residents of the area. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(Sandeep Sharma),
Judge

November 03,2026
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