

**Court on its own motion vs. State of H.P. and others a/w
connected matter.**

**CWPIL No.2 of 2022 a/w
CWPIL No.33 of 2023**

Item No.D-18

09.10.2025 Present: **CWPIL No.2 of 2022**
Mr. Udit Shourya Kaushik, Advocate, for Mr. Nitin Thakur,
Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Rakesh Dhaulta, Additional Advocate General,
for the respondents-State.

Mr. Tarun, Advocate, for Mr. Atharv Sharma,
Advocate, for respondent No.4.

None for respondents No.36 and 37.

None for respondents No.38

CWPIL No.33 of 2023

Mr. Udit Shourya Kaushik, Advocate, as Legal Aid
Counsel, for the petitioner.

Mr. Rakesh Dhaulta, Additional Advocate General,
for the respondents-State.

Necessary affidavit has been filed by the State in
pursuance of the last order. A perusal of the same would go on
to show that under the H.P Aero Sports Rules 2022, 97 number
of operators are having valid Insurance as per Rule 9(6) of the
said Rules. One operator each in Mandi and Kullu Districts do
not have valid insurance details. Vide letter dated 09.06.2025,
directions had been issued to concerned operators to seize all
aero sports activities until the insurance coverage is duly
renewed and challan of Rs.10,000/- has also been issued to the
operator at Mandi.

2. As per HP River Rafting Rules 2005, out of the total 159 operators registered, 136 operators are having valid insurance in terms of Rule 9(14) of the said Rules and insurance of 23 number of operators has expired in the month of July-August, 2025. Justification is given that the activity of river rafting, river crossing & zip line miscellaneous activities shall remain suspended/prohibited from 15.07.2025 to 15.09.2025 and the operators have been directed to renew their insurance policy before 15.09.2025.

3. Learned Amicus Curiae prays for time to assist the Court as to whether there is any provision as such for confiscating the equipments, so that, it is not used, in case, insurance is not in place.

4. In the meantime, let necessary affidavit be filed regarding the fact whether the 23 operators have got their insurance done or not after 15.09.2025.

To come up on **17.11.2025**.

(G.S. Sandhawalia)
Chief Justice

October 09, 2025
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(Jiya Lal Bhardwaj)
Judge