



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
AT SHIMLA**

CWP No.3158 of 2026

Date of decision: 04.08.2026

Sanjeev Kumar

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Himachal Pradesh
and others

....Respondents

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Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vivek Singh Thakur, Judge

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjan Sharma, Judge

¹*Whether approved for reporting?*

For the petitioner: Mr. Bhim Raj Sharma, Advocate.

For the respondents: Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocate General
with Mr. Ramakant Sharma, Additional
Advocate General, for respondents No.1,
2, 4 and 5-State.

Mr. Deepak Sharma, Advocate, for
respondent No.3-HRTC.

Vivek Singh Thakur, Judge (Oral)

As jointly prayed, this petition is delinked
from Bunch of other petitions.

2. As agreed, for order proposed to be passed
hereinafter on the basis of submission made by parties,
petition is being decided today.

3. Petitioner, invoking provisions of Article 226
of the Constitution of India, has approached this Court,
seeking the following substantive reliefs:-

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



- “18 (i) Issue a writ of certiorari for quashing/setting aside the notification dated 09.01.2026 (Annexure P-2) to the extent it notifies the route “Shimla-Nalahatti” in Tehsil & District Shimla, H.P., reflected at Sr. No.30 of RTO wise details under RTO Shimla for private stage carriage operation by replacing the existing State owned HRTC bus service;
- (ii) Issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to continue and maintain the existing HRTC bus service on the said route; and
- (iii) Restrain the respondents from withdrawing or replacing the existing HRTC bus service on the said route.”

4. It has been submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner, as suggested by learned Advocate General, that the petitioner would be satisfied, in case, keeping all issues as detailed in the writ petition, open, representation dated 29.07.2025 [Annexure P-3] submitted by the petitioner, pending consideration before Managing Director, Himachal Road Transport Corporation [HRTC], is to be decided in a time bound manner.

5. At this stage, it has been submitted on behalf of the respondents that competent authority to decide the representation would be Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary [Transport] to the Government of



Himachal Pradesh, and fresh representation has to be made accordingly and liberty may be reserved to the petitioner to file fresh petition, in case, any grievance(s) survive(s) to be redressed therein.

6. Learned Advocate General submits that the aforesaid Authority shall consider the representation within the time granted by the Court and shall pass an appropriate order taking into consideration all relevant Factors including Rules, Regulations, Law and Policies, as applicable.

7. In view of above submissions, petitioner is permitted to file a fresh representation to Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary [Transport] to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, on or before **12th August, 2026** and thereafter Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary [Transport] to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, shall decide the representation to be filed by the petitioner, by passing a speaking and reasoned order, after giving an opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner, if so desired, on or before **15th September, 2026**



8. Needless to say, for surviving grievance(s), if any, the petitioner shall be at liberty to avail appropriate remedy as permissible under law.

9. Accordingly, the petition is disposed of, in the above terms, so also pending application(s), if any.

(Vivek Singh Thakur)
Judge

(Ranjan Sharma)
Judge

August 04, 2026
[Bhardwaj]