

Mahila Mandal of Village Ghurat & Ors. Vs. State of H.P. & Ors.

CWP No. 3193 of 2026

24.03.2026 Present: Mr. Prem Chand Verma & Mr. Aakash Thakur, Advocates, for the petitioners.

Mr. Ramakant Sharma, Additional Advocate General, for respondents No.1 to 5-State.

Mr. Surender Kumar Sharma, Advocate, for respondent No.6.

Learned Additional Advocate General has placed on record instructions received from Deputy Commissioner, Shimla (H.P.), alongwith documents appended therewith to substantiate the claim of respondents No.1 to 5 -State that bifurcation/reorganization or creation of a new Gram Sabha is legal being in-consonance with the relevant provisions of law.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that, in view of communications of the H.P. State Election Commission dated 17.11.2025 and 05.03.2025 (Annexure P-12), the creation of new Gram Sabhas is not permissible under law.

Learned Additional Advocate General submits that, as the H.P. State Election Commission is not a party, and therefore, reference to the communications of the Election Commission is meaningless in the absence of a

response from the Election Commission in the present petition.

As per instructions placed on record by respondents-State, there is no information with respect to the source of initiation of the proposal for bifurcation/reorganization or creation of new Gram Sabhas in reference.

Learned Additional Advocate General seeks adjournment for tomorrow for placing on record the complete documents in this regard.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioners also requests for arraying the H.P. State Election Commission as a party respondent i.e. respondent No.6, in the present petition to remove the objection raised by the respondents-State.

Accepting the oral request of learned counsel for the petitioners, H.P. State Election Commission is arrayed as party respondent No. 6.

Prayer of the learned Additional Advocate General to adjourn the matter for tomorrow, to enable him to produce the complete record, is also accepted.

Learned Additional Advocate General has also pointed out that the petitioners, if aggrieved by the decision

of the Deputy Commissioner have an alternative remedy to file an appeal before the Divisional Commissioner under Rule 10 of the H.P. Panchayati Raj (Election) Rules, 1994.

Notice to the newly added respondent, i.e., respondent No. 6, is accepted by Mr. Surinder Kumar Sharma, Advocate, who is present in Court and prays for time to obtain complete instructions in the matter by tomorrow. His prayer is also accepted.

Amended Memo of Parties be filed during the course of the day.

In view of the above, the matter is adjourned for consideration on **25.03.2026**.

(Vivek Singh Thakur)
Judge

(Ranjan Sharma)
Judge

24th March, 2026
(Shamsh Tabrez)