

**Shree Budho Shivalaya Mandir
Committee vs. State of HP & Ors.**

CWP No. 3539 of 2026

Item No. S-5
23.03.2026

Present: Mr. Ajay Sharma, Senior Advocate, with Mr. Atharv Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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

CMPs No. 5124 & 5126 of 2026

The present applications for exemption are disposed of with direction to file the translated copies of Annexures P-1, P-7 and P-8 and complete extract copies of Annexures P-2 and P-3, before the next date of hearing.

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Inter alia, contends that in the year 2025, permission was granted in favour of the petitioner-Society to install shops and stalls in the premises of Budho Shivalaya Mandir, Dari, Tehsil Dharamshala, District Kangra (HP) (Annexure P-4). It is submitted that notice inviting tender dated 11.03.2026, for letting out space in the premises of the temple has been invited from vendors during the Dhummu Shah Mela at Dari to be organized from 08.04.2026 to 15.04.2026. It is further submitted that a representation dated 13.03.2026 (Annexure P-3) has also been served upon the Deputy Commissioner i.e. respondent No. 4, for reconsideration of the issue that the fair is to be organized by the administration in the Mandir premises. It is submitted that there is Dari Mela ground,

adjacent to the temple premises and therefore the State has no jurisdiction to impinge upon the temple premises for commercial purpose by inviting tenders.

Notice. Mr. Rakesh Dhaulta, learned Additional Advocate General, appears and waives service of notice on behalf of the respondents-State.

In the meantime, respondent No. 4 shall decide the said representation by passing a speaking order, and accordingly file the status report on or before the next date of hearing.

To come up on **02.04.2026**.

(G.S. Sandhawalia)
Chief Justice

(Jiya Lal Bhardwaj)
Judge

23rd March, 2026
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