

IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No. 3634 of 2026

Date of Decision: 02.04.2026

Dhirender Singh and othersPetitioners.

Vs.

State of Himachal Pradesh and othersRespondents.

Coram:

The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Mohan Goel, Judge

The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jiya Lal Bhardwaj, Judge

Whether approved for reporting?¹

For the petitioners: Mr. Yuyutsu Singh Thakur, Advocate. .

For the respondents: Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocate General, with Ms. Priyanka Chauhan, Deputy Advocate General, for respondents No. 1 to 5 and 8.

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

Ajay Mohan Goel, Judge (Oral):

Notice. Ms. Priyanka Chauhan, learned Deputy Advocate General, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 5 and 8 and on her instructions, Mr. Anup Rattan, learned Advocate General has put in appearance on behalf of the said respondents. Mr. Surender Sharma, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No. 6.

2. When the case was taken up for consideration, learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the issue raised in this petition is squarely

¹ Whether the reporters of the local papers may be allowed to see the Judgment?

covered by judgment dated 31.03.2026, passed by this Court in CWP No. 3547 of 2026, titled *Mahila Mandal of Village Umri Vs. State of H.P. and others*.

3. Learned Advocate General informs the Court that the adjudication by the Hon'ble Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in CWP No. 3547 of 2026 is a matter of record, but the State reserves its right to assail the same, in accordance with law, if so advised.

4. Be that as it may, in the light of the fact that it is not much in dispute that the issue raised in this petition is squarely covered by judgment dated 31.03.2026, passed by this Court in CWP No. 3547 of 2026, titled *Mahila Mandal of Village Umri Vs. State of H.P. and others*, this writ petition is disposed of with the observation that the directions passed by the Hon'ble Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in CWP No. 3547 of 2026 shall be construed to have been passed in this case *mutatis mutandis*, subject to legal rights of the State to assail the judgment passed in CWP No. 3547 of 2026, if so advised. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(Ajay Mohan Goel)
Judge

(Jiya Lal Bhardwaj)
Judge

April 02, 2026
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