

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA****CWP No. 3704 of 2026****Decided on: 25.03.2026**

Shikha Pathania

.....Petitioner

**Versus**

State of Himachal Pradesh and others

... Respondents

**Coram*****Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Mohan Goel, Judge.*****Whether approved for reporting?<sup>1</sup>**

For the petitioner : Mr. Mukul Sood, Advocate.

For the respondents : Mr. Rajpal Thakur, Additional  
Advocate General for respondents –  
State.**Ajay Mohan Goel, Judge** *[Oral]*

Notice. Mr. Rajpal Thakur, learned Additional Advocate General, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

2. As prayed for by learned Counsel for the petitioner, this writ petition is disposed of with the direction that let the representation of the petitioner (Annexure P-2) be considered and decided, sympathetically, by the Department within a period of six weeks from today, by passing a speaking order, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stand disposed of accordingly.

**(Ajay Mohan Goel)  
Judge**March 25, 2026*(narender)*

<sup>1</sup> *Whether reporters of the local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?*