

**Dr. Lalit Thakur and others vs. State of Himachal Pradesh  
and others**

**CWP No.5159 of 2025**

08.04.2025 Present Mr. Rajnish Maniktala, Senior Advocate with Mr. Dinkar Bhaskar, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocate General with Mr. Rajan Kahol, Mr. Vishal Panwar and Mr. B.C.Verma, Additional Advocate Generals and Mr. Ravi Chauhan, Deputy Advocate General, for the respondents/ State.

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Notice. Mr. Rajan Kahol, learned Additional Advocate General, appears and waives service of notice on behalf of the respondents. He prays for and is granted six weeks' time to file reply.

**CMP No.6455 of 2025**

Notice in the aforesaid terms. Reply, if any, be filed on or before the next date of hearing. Needless to say, during the pendency of the present petition, respondents shall decide the representations filed by the petitioners, taking note of the judgment passed by Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in CWPOA No.6401 of 2019, titled **Dr. Sanjay Guleria and others vs. State of Himachal Pradesh and others** alongwith connected matters.

Hon'ble Apex Court in case titled **Lt. Col. Suprita Chandel vs. Union of India and others**, 2024 SCC Online SC 3664, has categorically held that where a citizen aggrieved by an action of the government department has approached the Court and obtained a declaration of law in his/her favour, others

similarly situated ought to be extended the benefits without the need for them to go to Court.

**(Sandeep Sharma)**  
**Judge**

April 08, 2025  
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