

Bahadur Singh Bhalru vs. State of H.P. & others

CWP No. 4236 of 2026

01.04.2026 Present: Mr. Shriyek Sharda, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Sunita Sharma, Sr. Advocate with Mr. Dhananjay Sharma, Advocate, for respondent No.1.

Mr. Ramakant Sharma, Additional Advocate General, for respondents No. 2 and 3.

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Notice. Mr. Dhananjay Sharma, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1 and the learned Additional Advocate General accepts the same on behalf of respondents No. 2 and 3 and seek time to file the reply. Be filed within two weeks.

List for consideration on **23.04.2026**.

**CMP No. 6088 of 2026**

The petitioner's grievance is that vide Annexure P-3 the rate of electricity w.e.f. 20.07.2017 in respect of large industrial consumers and medium industrial consumers has been fixed at 11%, but the same has been enhanced to 25% vide Annexure P- 4, dated 1.9.2023 and further enhanced from 25% to 37.50% by the Notification dated 18.01.2024 (Annexure P-5) and this is contrary to sub section (2) of

Section 11 of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity (Duty) Act, 2009, which permits the State Government to revise the rates of electricity duty through a Notification without exceeding 50% at any one time of the rates earlier specified under Section 3 thereof. Since admittedly the increase from 11% to 25% and further to 37.50% prima facie appears to be contrary to sub Section (2) of Section 11 of the Act, the respondents are restrained from collecting electricity duty beyond 16.5% in respect of medium industries and large industries.

Alteration/vacation/modification on  
motion.

The application stands disposed of.

**(Vivek Singh Thakur)**  
**Judge**

**(Ranjan Sharma)**  
**Judge**

1<sup>st</sup> April, 2026  
(kck)