

CWPIL No.17 of 2016

21.09.2016. Present: Mr.B.C. Negi and Mr.Sanjeev Bhushan, Senior Advocates, as Amicus Curiae, with Mr.Pranay Partap Singh and Ms.Abhilasha Kaundal, Advocates.

Mr.Shrawan Dogra, Advocate General, with M/s Romesh Verma & Anup Rattan, Addl.A.Gs. and J.K. Verma, Dy.A.G., for the respondents.

Officers present in person in terms of previous order.

Mr.Sanjeev Bhushan, learned Amicus Curiae, stated that suggestions have been prepared. The same be filed in the Registry within two days, with advance copy to the learned Advocate General. Mr.B.C. Negi, learned Amicus Curiae, prays for and is allowed one week's time to prepare and file the suggestions.

Mr.Anup Rattan, learned Additional Advocate General, stated that in terms of previous order, status reports have been filed in the Registry yesterday. The Registry is directed to trace and place the same on record. Mr.Rattan to furnish a copy of each of the status reports to both the learned Amicus Curiae enabling them to file response thereto within one week.

It is apt to place on record that many letters have been received in the Chief Justice's Secretariat about the issue involved in the instant writ petition. The Registrar (Judicial) is directed to place all such letters on the record and also to furnish copies of the same to both the learned Amicus Curiae and the learned Advocate General, enabling them to respond thereto.

We may also place on record that today in the newspaper 'The Tribune', a news item has been published pertaining to the issue of illegal mining, under the caption "Brother, sister open front against illegal

mining”, a copy whereof has been placed on record. On brining the said news item to the notice of the learned Advocate General, it was informed by the learned Advocate General that steps have already been taken by the respondents in regard to the said news item. It being so, the concerned respondent to file status report about the steps, so taken, within a period of one week.

Before parting with, it is made clear that if illegal mining is not controlled, all the respondents including the Director General of Police, H.P., shall be responsible for the same and law will take its own course.

State Geologist to remain present in person before this Court on the next date of hearing. Personal appearance of other respondents is dispensed with for the time being.

List on 29th September, 2016.

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(Mansoor Ahmad Mir)
Chief Justice.

September 21, 2016
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(Sandeep Sharma)
Judge