

CWPIL No.30 of 2019 a/w CWP
Nos.1077 of 2019 & 1563 of 2020

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22.10.2021 Present: Court on its own motion.

Mr. Ashok Sharma, Advocate General with Ms. Ritta Goswami, Additional Advocate General and Ms. Seema Sharma, Deputy Advocate General, for the respondents.

CWP No.1077 of 2019

Petitioner in person.

Mr. Balram Sharma, ASGI, for respondent No.1.

Mr. Ashok Sharma, Advocate General with Ms. Ritta Goswami, Additional Advocate General and Ms. Seema Sharma, Deputy Advocate General, for respondents No.2 and 4/State.

Mr. Narender Sharma, Advocate, for respondent No.3.

Ms. Megha Kapur Gautam, Advocate, for respondent No.5.

CWP No.1563 of 2020

Mr. Arjun Lall and Ms. Shradha Karol, Advocates, for the petitioner.

Mr. Balram Sharma, ASGI, for respondent No.1.

Mr. Ashok Sharma, Advocate General with Ms. Ritta Goswami, Additional Advocate General and Ms. Seema Sharma, Deputy Advocate General, for respondents No.2 to 5/State.

On 27.02.2020, in CWP No.1077 of 2019, the learned Advocate General had made a statement that there are total seven Old Age Homes in five districts of Himachal Pradesh, i.e. Shimla, Kangra, Mandi, Kullu and Lahaul & Spiti and proposals have been sent to the Central Government for opening seven more new Old Age Homes,

which will be uploaded within a week. Learned Assistant Solicitor General of India also submitted that if the proposals are uploaded within a week, he would take instructions and make submissions with regard to the progress made by the Central Government in this regard.

When the matter was heard today, Mr. Ashok Sharma, learned Advocate General, submitted that as per instructions dated 26.02.2020, the proposals were sent to the Central Government for establishing Old Age Homes in the remaining districts with the collaborations of Voluntary Organizations/NGOs working in this field and who are desirous to run such Old Age Homes, the proposals from the identified NOGs, the details of which were received for providing grain-in-aid under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Integrated Programmes for Senior Citizens", for setting up Old Age Homes at Chamba, Bilaspur, Solan, Hamirpur, Sirmaur, Una and Kinnaur at Rampur.

However, when the learned Advocate General and learned Assistant Solicitor General were pointedly asked as to the progress on the aforesaid proposals, they sought time to seek instructions and apprise the Court about the latest position.

Ms. Megha Kapur Gautam, learned counsel for respondent No.5/HPSLA, in CWP No.1077 of 2019, submitted that she has received copies of the inspection

reports from the Member Secretaries of the District Legal Services Authorities of the respective districts and prays time to place the same on record with advance copies to the petitioner in person and other counsel appearing for the respective parties, who may like to respond to the same.

Matter to come up on 08.11.2021.

(Mohammad Rafiq)
Chief Justice

(Sabina)
Judge

October 22, 2021
(Himalvi/KS)