

Court on its own motion versus State of H.P. & Ors. along with connected matters.

**CWPIL No. 30 of 2019 a/w
CWP Nos. 1077 of 2019,
1563 of 2020 & 1605 of 2022.**

CWPIL No. 30 of 2019.

14.07.2022 Present: Court on its own motion.

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

CWP No. 1077 of 2019.

Petitioner in person.

Mr. Balram Sharma, Assistant Solicitor General of India, for respondent No.1.

Mr. Ashok Sharma, Advocate General, with Ms. Ritta Goswami, Additional Advocate General, for respondent Nos. 2 and 4.

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

Ms. Anu Tuli Azta, Advocate, for respondent No.5.

Mr. M.A. Safee, Advocate, for respondent No.6.

CWP No. 1563 of 2020.

Mr. Arjun Lal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Balram Sharma, Assistant Solicitor General of India, for respondent No.1.

Mr. Ashok Sharma, Advocate General, with Ms. Ritta Goswami, Additional Advocate General, for respondent Nos. 2 to 5.

CWP No. 1605 of 2022.

Mr. M. A. Safee, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Balram Sharma, Assistant General of India, for respondent No.1.

Mr. Ashok Sharma, Advocate General, with Ms. Ritta Goswami, Additional Advocate General, for respondent Nos. 2 and 3.

1. All the above matters pertain to the welfare of old age parents/senior citizens and condition of Old Age Homes/Day Care Centres in State of Himachal Pradesh. Several orders have been passed by this Court from time to time.

2. On 13.05.2022, this Court directed the Member Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities in Lahul & Spiti, Kullu, Mandi, Shimla, Kangra, Kinnaur and Bilaspur to inspect the old age Homes and report on the actual state of affairs on 7 aspects as mentioned in the said order dated 13.05.2022. Respondent No.5, Member Secretary, H.P. State Legal Services Authority (HPSLSA) has filed an affidavit annexing therewith the reports of the Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities, highlighting deficiencies/shortcomings in the old age homes in the aforesaid districts.

3. The petitioner, Ms. Vandana Misra, who is an advocate and appears in person in Writ Petition No. 1077 of 2019, has, for the sake of convenience of this Court, tendered a note dated 13.07.2022 summing up in brief, the findings in the reports submitted by the Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) which highlight the deficiencies/shortcomings in the old age homes in the aforesaid Districts. A copy of the note dated 13.07.2022 shall be handed over by Ms. Vandana Misra, Advocate, to learned Advocate General during the course of the day.

4. We expect that the deficiencies/shortcomings would be taken care of and cured at the earliest. A status

report on (i) the steps taken to cure the deficiencies/shortcomings, pointed out in the note dated 13.07.2022, and (ii) the directions issued by this Court from time to time shall be filed on the next date.

5. The petitioner in CWP No. 1605 of 2022 has certain grievances about non release of fund to the old age home located at Bilaspur. Learned Advocate General to take instructions in this regard and apprise the Court on the next date.

Stand over till 23rd August, 2022.

(A. A. Sayed)
Chief Justice

(Satyen Vaidya)
Judge

14th July, 2022.
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