

Item No. S-2

Court on its own motion Vs. State of HP & others

CWPIL No. 38 of 2026

17.04.2026. Present: Court on its own motion.

Mr. Varun Chandel, Additional Advocate General, for respondents No. 1 to 3.

Mr. Mukul Sood, Advocate, for respondent No. 4.

This Public Interest Litigation has been registered on the basis of a representation received from Sh. Naresh Sharma, a Social Activist, wherein it has been mentioned that Airtel, Jio and numerous local WiFi service providers have been laying overhead wires for broadband and WiFi connections across the city. There is no provision as such to remove these wires after dis-connection. Whenever a customer discontinues the service or changes the vendor, the service providers simply abandon the wires without removing them and these low-hanging wires cause obstruction in the smooth movement of vehicles and inconvenience to pedestrians. Resultantly, guidelines are sought to be framed that no service provider leaves behind wires after dis-connection.

Notice. Mr. Varun Chandel, learned Additional Advocate General, accepts notice for respondents No. 1 to 3 and Mr. Mukul Sood, Advocate, accepts the same for respondent No. 4. Notice be

issued to respondents No. 5 to 7 returnable within four weeks, on taking steps within one week.

List on **03.06.2026**.

(G.S. Sandhawalia)
Chief Justice.

(Bipin C. Negi)
Judge

April 17, 2026
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