

1.6.2017 Present Petitioner in person.

Mr. Naresh Verma, Advocate vice Mr. Rajnish Maniktala, Advocate, for the intervener.

Mr. Shrawan Dogra, Advocate General with Mr. M.A. Khan, Mr. Anup Rattan and Mr. Romesh Verma, Additional Advocates General and Mr. Kush Sharma, Deputy Advocate General, for respondents No.1, 2 and 4 to 7.

Mr. Sunil Kumar, Advocate, for respondent No.3.

Mr. Ajay Chauhan, Advocate, for respondent No.8.

Sequel to order dated 11.5.2017 passed by this Court, Principal Secretary (Health) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, has filed a supplementary affidavit, detailing therein steps taken by authorities for setting up L-I, L-II and L-III trauma centres in the State of Himachal Pradesh, after release of first installment of funds by Ministry of Health, Government of India.

2. It emerges from the instant affidavit that the deponent had convened a meeting of the concerned officers on 3.5.2017 and after having detailed discussion with the concerned quarters, issued necessary directions to the Principal, IGMC as well as Heads of Departments to make available list with regard to their requirement of machinery and equipments for Operation Theatres, Intensive Care Units in the Trauma Centres proposed to be set up in IGMC. It also emerges from the affidavit that a period of three months would be required for installation of

machinery and equipments and as such directions were issued to all concerned for finalization of allocation of space for Level-I Trauma Centre and casualty etc. at IGMC, Shimla. Accordingly, on 22.5.2017, Chief Architect, HPPWD held meeting in his office in the presence of Principal, IGMC and all concerned for finalization of allocation of space for Level-I Trauma Centre and casualty etc. In the aforesaid meeting, allocation of Operation Theatre, duty rooms, pre and post operative rooms, 30 bed wards, for trauma patients has been successfully finalized.

3. Similarly, we find that initially, Government of India, had sanctioned/ recommended Level-II Trauma Centre at Dr. RPGMC, Tanda (Kangra) and in this regard, a sum of ₹6,07,50,000/- was made available. However, Hon'ble Union Minister, Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, made an announcement on 8.4.2017 when he visited Dr. RPGMC Tanda, that instead of Level-II, Level-I Trauma Centre shall be established there, and, accordingly, the Nodal Officer, Dr. RPGMC Tanda was asked to submit detailed requirement for establishment of Level-I Trauma Centre. By way of instant affidavit, it has been informed that the Executive Engineer, Medical College Division, HPPWD Tanda has also been requested for taking necessary action for the preparation of Detailed Project Report after receiving the requirement from the Nodal Officer.

4. Instant affidavit further reveals that allocation of trauma centres at Chamba, Hamirpur and Mandi can only be finalized by the authority concerned once drawing/building plans of medical colleges at these three places are finalized and approval of Government of India is received for making these colleges functional. The Government has already accorded administrative approval for the revised estimate amounting to ₹5,07,73,000/- for the construction of Trauma Centre at Khaneri and this has been conveyed to the Medical Superintendent of concerned Institution for taking further necessary action and site for construction of Trauma Centre has been selected and construction work is likely to be started soon. Deponent has further stated in the affidavit that tender for the construction of Level-III Trauma Centre at MGMHC Khaneri at Rampur has been sent to the Chief Engineer, after finalization for approval.

5. This Court, after having carefully perused averments contained in the supplementary affidavit filed by Principal Secretary Health to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, is convinced and satisfied that considerable progress has been made by the authorities concerned for setting up L-I, L-II and L-III Trauma Centres in the State of Himachal Pradesh. This Court hopes and trusts that L-I Trauma Centre at IGMSC Shimla would be made operational at the earliest since all the necessary preparations in that regard have been made by the authorities concerned.

6. After having gone through the contents of the affidavit filed by Secretary (Health) HP, we are hopeful that needful would be done by the authorities concerned at war-footing so that L-I, L-II and L-III Trauma Centres at IGMC, Dr. RPGMC Tanda, Mandi, Hamirpur, Chamba and also at MHMHC Khaneri at Rampur are made operational without losing further time. After having carefully perused the affidavit filed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, wherein it has been informed that a sum of ₹12,60,00,000/- stands sanctioned by way of first installment for setting up of Trauma Centres, we see no reason for delay, if any, on the part of respondent-State as far as setting up of Trauma Centres in the State of Himachal Pradesh is concerned.

7. Let this matter be listed on **10.8.2017**, by which date, Secretary (Health), HP, shall file his personal affidavit intimating therein further progress made qua setting up of Trauma Centres, as mentioned above.

(Sanjay Karol)
Acting Chief Justice

(Sandeep Sharma)
Judge

June 1, 2017
(Vikrant)