

Item No. D-3

Court on its own motion vs. State of H.P. & others

CWPIL No. 35 of 2021

16.05.2025

Present: Court on its own motion

Ms. Priyanka Chauhan, Deputy Advocate General, for respondents No. 1 to 3.

Mr. Amar Vivek Aggarwal, Advocate (through video conferencing) and Mr. Rajesh Parmar, Advocate, for respondent No.6.

Mr. Deepak Chauhan, Superintending Engineer, HP PWD, Shimla Circle is present in person.

2. Counsel for the University submits that the work in girls hostel is going on and the same is likely to be completed by September, 2025.

3. We have already indicated our apprehension as such regarding the need of providing second girls hostel, which is under construction, as is apparent that the girls students are residing in hostel on adhoc basis, outside the premises of the University. Accordingly, steps be taken to ensure that the construction is completed, as undertaken, and the contractor shall also be paid on regular intervals for the work which is completed.

4. We are informed that there are certain issues regarding grant of forest clearance for allotment of additional land, which is 25 bighas, on account of

earlier boys hostel having come under the debris on account of construction carried out on the highway over such hostel and the said building has been rendered defunct. The State is said to be raising demand as such regarding the conversion of the said alternative allotted land for the use of the hostel.

5. Let appropriate affidavit be filed by the counsel for the University regarding the demand, if any, raised by the State who shall also address such demand, if any, raised and whether it would be tenable in view of the fact that the University as such is governed under the Himachal Pradesh National Law University Act, 2016 and the Government of Himachal Pradesh is also equally responsible for providing legal education in the field of law on national level.

6. The issue of grant of compensation on account of boys hostel being rendered useless and unsafe should also be addressed by holding meetings with the Senior Officers of the NHA and National Law University.

List on **11.7.2025.**

(G.S. Sandhawalia)
Chief Justice

(Satyen Vaidya)
Judge

16th May, 2025
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