

Vandana Kumari & ors. Vs State of H.P. & ors.

CWP No. 8679 of 2026

29.05.2026

Present: Mr. Ankush Dass Sood and Mr. Anshul Bansal, Senior Advocates with M/s. Ruma Kaushik, Nand Lal Thakur, Ajay Sipahiya, Mandeep Chandel, Udit Shaurya Kaushik, Ankit Dhiman, Tarun Mehta & Shraik Sharda, Advocates, for the petitioners.

Mr. J.S. Guleria, Deputy Advocate General, for respondents No.1, 2, 4 and 5-State.

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

Mr. Vivek Sharma, Advocate, for respondent No.6.

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Notice. Mr. J.S. Guleria, learned Deputy Advocate General, Mr. Surender Sharma and Mr. Vivek Sharma, Advocates, appear and waive service of notice on behalf of respondents No.1, 2, 4 & 5, 3 and 6 respectively.

With respect to interim prayer especially for staying operation of clarification dated 13.07.2023 (Annexure P-1), learned counsel for the petitioners as well as learned counsel for the State Election Commission have concluded their arguments.

Learned Deputy Advocate General, after addressing the arguments for some time, has sought time to have complete instructions/file reply before passing any order with respect to the prayer for interim made on behalf of the petitioners, with submissions that in case matter is adjourned for 01.06.2026, by that day, no adverse impact is going to be caused to the interest of anybody including the petitioners, as Oath/Affirmation to the elected members of municipalities is yet to be administered and said process is not likely to be completed during next week for

permission of seven days notice to elected member before that, and only thereafter, election of President and Vice President of Municipalities shall be conducted.

Considering the submissions of learned Deputy Advocate General, as prayed, matter is adjourned to enable the Deputy Advocate General as well as other respondents to have complete instructions and to file reply, if so desired, and it is expected from the respondents that no further adjournment shall be prayed on this count and in case no instructions are available on next date or no response is filed, material already on record shall be taken into consideration for passing an appropriate order.

As prayed, list on 01.06.2026.

(Vivek Singh Thakur)
Judge

(Ranjan Sharma)
Judge

May 29, 2026 (*mamta*)