

Item No. D-19

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

CWPIL No. 46 of 2023

10.03.2026 Present: Mr. Neeraj Gupta, Senior Advocate with Mr. Ajit Pal Singh Jaswal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Gobind Korla, Additional Advocate General, for the respondents-State.

Mr. Shrawan Dogra, Senior Advocate for Mr. Devesh Kumar, Principal Secretary (Finance), who is present in person.

Affidavit of the Additional Chief Secretary (Home) dated 05.01.2026 would go on to show that though a sum of Rs.3,54,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crores and Fifty Four Lakh) has been provided to the Registrar General of this Court, but the decision of creation of 20 posts of Law Clerk-cum-Research Assistant (Law Intern), filling up the posts in the Courts on regular basis, creating one post of Judgment Writer on regular mode of recruitment for the District & Sessions Judges, creation of three posts of Additional District Judges at Hamirpur, Joginder Nagar and Nalagarh and creation of 34 Courts of Civil Judges alongwith supporting staff are still pending before the Council of Ministers. Similarly, the sanction of 13 vehicles for District Judiciary is also pending since 19.08.2025.

In sum and substance, it only shows that the responsibilities are sought to be shifted to another set of authorities by the deponent, though a period of more than two months have gone by.

Resultantly, let the said officer also come present on the next date so that necessary action can be taken.

Mr. Shrawan Dogra, learned Senior Counsel submits that counter affidavit has been filed on 10.03.2026. Office to trace and place the same on record, after removal of objections, if any.

List on **31.03.2026**.

(G. S. Sandhwalia)
Chief Justice

(Jiya Lal Bhardwaj)
Judge

10th March, 2026_(sanjeev)