

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

Item No. S-2

CWP No. 8324 of 2023

28.10.2025 Present: Court on its own motion

Mr. Rakesh Dhaulta, Additional Advocate General, for the respondents-State.

Counsel for the State prays for more time to comply with the last order.

We also put the State to notice that since the State has rejected the request of the Vice-Chancellor of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University for residential accommodation in Shimla on the ground that the University is situated at Ghandal, which is beyond 20 kms. from Shimla.

We are of the considered opinion that once the State had provided the land at a distance of 20 kms. from Shimla, it cannot hide behind any rule or condition that the Vice-Chancellor would be precluded from applying for government accommodation in capital. Even otherwise, we are well versed to the fact that the State Government is not providing sufficient financial aid to the University even to build the accommodation within the University premises also.

In such circumstances, it would be also in the interest of the State that since it is saving substantial amount as such for the building of the said house and, thus, it would be the duty of the State as such to provide accommodation in the urban area of Shimla or closer to Ghandal.

List on **20.11.2025.**

(G. S. Sandhawalia)
Chief Justice

(Jiya Lal Bhardwaj)
Judge

28th October, 2025
(sanjeev)