

Court on its own motion Vs. State of H.P. and Ors.

CWP No. 8324 of 2023

09.01.2024 Present: Court on its own motion.

Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocate General with Mr. Rakesh Dhaulta & Mr. Pranay Pratap Singh, Additional Advocates General and Mr. Arsh Rattan & Mr. Sidharth Jalta, Deputy Advocates General, for the respondents-State.

Heard learned Advocate General.

In spite of the previous order dt. 15.12.2023, directing the filing of fresh status report with timelines, no such status report has been filed and the usual lackadaisical attitude has been exhibited by the respondents-State.

We are disappointed with the way the State is dealing with the issue of providing residential accommodation to the Judicial Officers, Staff of High Court and District Courts and also to the Judges of the High Court apart from the Registrars.

The Registrar General, in his note submitted today, has also pointed out the partial treatment given to the former Civil Servants of the State by the State officials and discrimination shown to the Judicial Officers/Registrars etc.

We deem it appropriate to constitute a Committee consisting of Registrar General, Registrar (Vigilance) and Registrar (Administration) to identify the buildings/lands suitable for use by the Judicial Department for providing residential accommodation to the above categories of persons.

Such report be placed before us on **06.03.2024**.

We expect the respondents-State to also file fresh status report with the timelines by the said date without fail.

The respondents-State shall extend full cooperation to the Committee constituted by this Court for identification of the houses/land in question.

(M.S. Ramachandra Rao)
Chief Justice

(Jyotsna Rewal Dua)
Judge

January 9, 2024
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