

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

**Cr.WP No.14 of 2023**

22.05.2024

Present: Mr. Neeraj Gupta, Sr. Advocate as *Amicus Curiae* with Mr. Vedhant Ranta, Advocate,

Mr. Pranay Pratap Singh, Additional Advocate General, for respondents no.1 to 3/State.

Mr. Arjun Lall, Advocate, for respondent no.4.

Mr. Shrawan Dogra, Sr. Advocate with Mr. Harsh Kalta, Advocate, for respondent no.5.

Mr. Nishant Sharma, complainant, in person through Video Conferencing.

Heard the complainant Sh. Nishant Sharma and the learned Additional Advocate General and perused the affidavit with Annexure filed by the complainant as also the response thereto by the State.

Though much has been said on both sides, since the new Director General of Police, Himachal Pradesh Dr. Atul Verma, has taken charge from 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2024, we direct the office of the Advocate General as well as the Secretary (Home) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, to supply to the current Director General of Police, Himachal Pradesh, the complete case file including the status reports submitted by the SIT to this Court and any other records which he seeks. He shall examine the same and then place his views before this Court on the next date of hearing about the quality of investigation done so far from date of filing of the FIRs in question till date.

Till further orders, final report shall not be filed by the SIT in F.I.R. no.98 of 2023, registered by the Police Station, Shimla (East), District Shimla and in F.I.R. no.55 of 2023, registered at the Police Station, McLeodganj, District Kangra, H.P.

List on **21<sup>st</sup> June, 2024.**

**(M.S. Ramachandra Rao)**  
**Chief Justice**

**(Jyotsna Rewal Dua)**  
**Judge**

**May 22, 2024**  
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