

**Nishant Sharma versus State of Himachal Pradesh
& Others a/w connected matter**

**Cr.WP No.4 of 2025
a/w Cr.WP No.14 of 2023**

[Item No.D-29]

21.04.2025

Present: Petitioner [Nishant Sharma] through video conferencing.

Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocate General with Mr. Pranay Pratap Singh, Additional Advocate General, for respondents No.1 & 3-State.

Mr. Rajender Thakur, Central Government Counsel, for respondent No.4-UOI.

Mr. Sugandh Verma, Proxy Counsel, for respondent No.5.

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Ms. Prajwal Busta, Proxy Counsel, on behalf of Amicus Curiae.

Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocate General with Mr. Pranay Pratap Singh, Additional Advocate General, for respondents No.1 & 3-State.

Mr. Sugandh Verma, Proxy Counsel, for respondent No.4 & respondent No.5.

Complainant [Nishant Sharma] through video conferencing.

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As per office report reply has been filed by respondent No.5, but Power of Attorney is still awaited.

2. Learned State counsel for respondents No.1 & 3 as well as counsel for respondent No.4 pray for time to file replies.

Let needful be done within four weeks.

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We have been informed that against the interim order dated 22.05.2024, SLP of the State has been disposed of on 07.04.2025 on the ground that investigation has been concluded by the SIT.

2. It is, however, conceded position that SLP No.45241 of 2024, preferred by Sanjay Kundu against order dated 23.09.2024, is still pending.

3. We have also received a sealed cover envelope from Director General of Police, Himachal Pradesh, addressed to the Registrar General of this Court today itself.

4. Learned Advocate General submits that he is not aware of the said communication. Apart from this, another report is already lying with the Registrar General of this Court.

5. Let both the reports be kept in the safe custody of Registrar General of this Court till next date of hearing.

6. The arguing counsel's are not present today due to abstaining from work on account of an incident involving their colleague in which an FIR has been lodged.

List on **26.05.2025**.

(G.S. Sandhawalia)
Chief Justice

(Ranjan Sharma)
Justice

April 21, 2025
(Shivender/Himani)