

Item No. S-3

Vivek Sharma and others Vs. State of Himachal Pradesh and others.

CWP No. 12261 of 2026.

22.07.2026

Present: Mr. Vinay Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioners.
Mr. Pranay Pratap Singh, Additional Advocate General, for respondents No.1 to 3.
Mr. Ajay Chauhan, Advocate, for respondent No.4.
Mr. Surender Sharma, Senior Advocate, with Mr. Neeraj Sharma, Advocate, for respondent No.5.

Inter alia, contends that the respondent No.6, who belongs to Scheduled Caste category, being a lady, filed her nomination from Ward No.6, Upper Sheglu, Nagar Panchayat Banjar, Tehsil Banjar, District Kullu, H.P. and was declared elected unopposed in the elections held in the month of May, 2026. By virtue of the Reservation Roster, the Office of the Chairperson was notified to reserved for SC (Women) (Annexure P-2) and accordingly, the said private respondent was nominated as Chairman, Nagar Panchayat Banjar. It is thus submitted that she had been elected as a Women candidate and not as a SC (Women) candidate and merely because she was Scheduled Caste lady, would not entitle her for the benefit of Reservation Roster.

Notice. Mr. Pranay Pratap Singh, learned Additional Advocate General, Mr. Ajay Chauhan and Mr. Neeraj Sharma, learned counsel, appear and waive service of notice on behalf of the respective respondents.

Issue notice to respondent No.6, returnable for
09.09.2026, on taking steps within one week.

(G.S. Sandhawalia)
Chief Justice

(Bipin C. Negi)
Judge

July 22, 2026
(Shivank Thakur)