

IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.14856 of 2026
Decided on: 07.04.2026

Smt. Uma Azad	... Petitioner
Versus	
State of Himachal Pradesh and others	... Respondents

Coram
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Mohan Goel, Judge.
Whether approved for reporting?¹

For the petitioner:	Mr. Rakesh Kumar Dogra, Advocate.
For the respondents:	Mr. Pushpinder Jaswal, Additional Advocate General, for the respondents-State. Mr.Vishwajeet Singh, Advocate, for respondents No.3, 4 and 7.

Ajay Mohan Goel, Judge (Oral)

By way of this petition, the petitioner has prayed for the following reliefs:-

“(i) That the impugned order of suspension, dated 26.12.2022 (Annexure P-4) read with latest order dated 04.08.2025 contained in Annexure P-16 passed by authorities concerned may kindly be quashed & set-aside with all consequential benefits, being arbitrary, illegal, unjustified, discriminatory and not in consonance with law and also, violative of the judgment dated 15.12.2009 (Annexure P-6) delivered by the Hon'ble Apex Court in case titled as Union of India and others vs. Dipak Mali read with recent Registradgment dated 14.05.2025 (Annexure P-18) to Red passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh in CWP No. 7964 of 2022 titled as Shashi Bala vs. State of HP and others, by issuing writ of Certiorari.

(ii) That a writ in the nature of mandamus may kindly be issued, directing the respondents, more particularly, the Inquiry Officer-respondent No. 7 not to proceed further

¹ Whether reporters of the local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?

with the inquiry till final outcome of the criminal proceedings, as per the judgment dated 30.03.1999 (Annexure P-17) delivered by the Hon'ble Apex Court in case titled as Capt. M. Paul Anthony vs. Bharat Gold Mines Ltd. & Anr., and justice be done.

2. Having heard learned Counsel for the parties for some time and taking into consideration the factual controversy in the present petition as also the issues that have been respectively highlighted by learned Counsel for the petitioner as well as learned Counsel appearing for the Rajya Chayan Ayog, this petition is disposed of with the direction that the Rajya Chayan Ayog will make an endeavour to complete the inquiry proceedings on or before 31.08.2026. In case the needful is not done by the Rajya Chayan Ayog by 31.08.2026, the petitioner may approach the Court afresh with the prayer of setting aside the suspension order. Similarly, the Rajya Chayan Ayog is also given liberty, as prayed for, by the learned Counsel that if the Ayog finds some genuine difficulty in completing the proceedings the time granted and it requires some more time it shall be at liberty to move an appropriate application to the Court. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

(Ajay Mohan Goel)
Judge

April 07, 2026
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