

**Court on its own motion Vs. State of HP
and Others.**

CWPIL No.89 of 2025

Item No.D-15

07.05.2026

Present: Mr. Abhishek Dulta, Advocate, Amicus Curiae.

Mr. Rakesh Dhaulta, Additional Advocate
General, for the respondents/State.

Learned Amicus Curiae has drawn our attention
to the letter dated 15.09.2025
(Annexure XXXVIII). From a perusal of the same, it is
evident that the Divisional Forest Officer, Una has written
a letter to the Superintendent of Police, Una, District Una,
HP regarding setting up a Special Investigation Team (SIT)
to investigate FIR No.92 of 2025 dated 19.07.2025.

Since we find that illegal Inter-State activities
and multiple accused from Himachal Pradesh and Punjab
are involved in a well-coordinated organized crime, we
implead the Superintendent of Police, Una, District Una, HP
as respondent No.6. Office to carry out necessary
correction in the memo of parties.

Notice. Mr. Rakesh Dhaulta, learned Addl.
Advocate General, appears and waives service of notice on
behalf of respondent No.6 and seeks time to file status
report regarding the above issue. Status report be filed on
or before the next date of hearing.

The report of the Secretary, DLSA goes on to
show that the inspections had been done at various places

in the month of October, 2025. At the said point of time, the said officer could not go deep in the forest due to the growth, which is apparently on account of the heavy monsoon. Therefore, the said report as such, does not give the correct picture. Resultantly, we direct the said officer to again visit the sites in the middle of June, 2026 and submit a fresh report.

Forest Department should also file an affidavit regarding what is the difficulty, as such, in taking the headcount of the said trees and numbering the trees, to save them from being illegally cut.

Keeping in view the gravity of the matter in question, we also direct that the translated copies of Annexures placed by the respondents/State in its reply, be also placed on record on or before the next date of hearing for the convenience of this Court.

List on **13.07.2026**.

(G.S. Sandhawalia)
Chief Justice

(Bipin C. Negi)
Judge

07th May, 2026
(Gaurav Rawat)