

**Santosh Sharma v. State of H.P. & Ors.
CWP No.15017 of 2026**

27.08.2026 Present: Mr. Deepak Gupta, Senior Advocate, with M/s Nikhil Katwal, Rahul Sharma and Yashika Thakur, Advocates, for the petitioner.

Mr. Rahul Thakur, Deputy Advocate General, for the respondents-State.

On the oral request of learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner, Sh. Madan Lal S/o Sh. Murali Ram, R/o Village Niharpur, P.O. Baleth, Tehsil Sujanpur, Hamirpur, H.P., is hereby ordered to be impleaded as a respondent No.4.

Notice. Learned Deputy Advocate General accepts notice on behalf of respondents 1 to 3. *Dasti* notice be issued for the service of respondent No.4, returnable for 10.09.2026. Steps for the service of the said respondent be taken by 29.08.2026 and *dasti* notice be handed over to the learned counsel by 31.08.2026.

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Notice in above terms. Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is serving as a Superintendent Grade-II in Development Block, Sujanpur, District Hamirpur, H.P. She is also holding the DDO powers. He submits that an order has been passed by the authorities transferring Madan Lal, the private respondent,

in place of the petitioner and now the respondents are insisting upon the petitioner to get relieved, whereas, there is no transfer order transferring the petitioner from the said station served upon her till date. He further submits that the entire exercise is arbitrary and is demonstrative of the colorable exercise of power.

In light of the submissions made by learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner, till further orders, it is directed that the petitioner shall be allowed to continue to serve at her present place of posting, i.e., Development Block, Sujanpur, District Hamirpur, H.P.

(Ajay Mohan Goel)
Judge

August 27, 2026
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