

Court on its own motion vs. State of HP & Ors.

CWPIL No. 110 of 2024

Item No. D-22

14.10.2025 Present: Court on its own motion.

Mr. Sidharth Jalta, Deputy Advocate General,
for respondents No. 1 to 3-State.

Mr. Balram Sharma, Deputy Solicitor General
of India with Mr. Rajeev Sharma, Advocate, for
respondent No. 4.

Affidavit filed by the present Superintending Engineer, Rattan Kumar Sharma, depicts a dismissal picture and an admission that the earlier affidavit was filed wrongly. Even the present affidavit would go on to show that estimates are still being prepared and carrying out the site inspection and the same shall be submitted to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, at the earliest. Effort has been made to show that due to rains work could not be carried out. Even reference as to snow in the year of 2023 to 2025 is also against the record, as the snowfall in December, 2024, was minimal. Apparently, the said official has never even traveled on the site/ road in question and general public is facing great difficulty and it is one of the main road leading to the interior of Himachal connecting Rampur and District Kinnaur and further to old

Tibet. The lack of importance being given to this road is apparent from the affidavit.

Accordingly, let the said official come and give his explanation as to why an affidavit has been filed in a casual manner, trying to depict the picture which is contrary to the record and to show cause as to why costs should not be imposed upon him.

In the meantime, the estimates be prepared and sent to the Ministry of Road and Transport, so that the repair can be carried out before the winter steps in.

Copy of this order be also sent to the Chief Secretary for his information.

To come up on 18.11.2025.

(G.S. Sandhawalia)
Chief Justice

14th October, 2025
(Anurag)

(Jiya Lal Bhardwaj)
Judge