



Devta Aadi Bharama Vs. Nishant Kumar

COPC No.1128 of 2025

29.10.2025 Present: Mr. Ankush Dass Sood, Senior Advocate with Mr. Ankit Dhiman and Mr. Gaurav Bhardwaj, Advocates, for the petitioner.

Mr. Y.P.S. Dhaulta, Additional Advocate General, for the respondent.

Notice. Mr. Y.P.S. Dhaulta, learned Additional Advocate General, appears and waives service of notice on behalf of the respondent.

2. Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner submits that in terms of order dated 13.11.2024, which was in turn ordered to be maintained under judgment dated 17.09.2025 rendered in *CWP No.10966 of 2024 (Devta Aadi Bharama Versus State of H.P. and others)*, the control of “Assets and liability of the Devta Aadi Brahma shall remain with SDM and would not be passed to another Committee, if any, constituted”. Inviting attention to order dated 16.10.2025 (Annexure P-11 Colly.), it was submitted that the respondent-Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Kullu has constituted several committees including the ones directed to deal with the financial matters and maintain accounts pertaining to bills, vouchers and expenditure etc.

3. *Prima facie*, there appears to be substance in the grievance raised by the petitioner as under the aforesaid two orders, the assets and liability of Devta Aadi Brahma



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were to remain only with the SDM and were not to be passed on to any committee.

4. Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner further submits that under order dated 13.11.2024, which as noticed earlier, has been directed to be abided in the judgment dated 17.09.2025, no obstruction or harassment of any kind was to be caused in performance of *pooja* by the petitioner in capacity of Kardar not only by the respondent-SDM Kullu, but also by any other official including Police. Inviting attention to Annexure-P10, it has been submitted that the above direction is also being violated as Police is being called to the premises and is causing obstruction/harassment in performance of *pooja* of the Deity.

5. Let the respondent to file reply to the contempt petition within a week.

List on **06.11.2025**.

Respondent to ensure that judgment dated 17.09.2025 is strictly adhered to.

October 29, 2025
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Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge