



IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.1565 of 2024

Date of Decision: 13.03.2024

Parvati DeviPetitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and others ... Respondents

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sandeep Sharma, Judge.

Whether approved for reporting? ¹

For the Petitioners: Mr. Susheel Gautam, Advocate.

For the Respondents: Mr. Rajan Kahol, Mr. Vishal Panwar and Mr. B.C.Verma, Additional Advocate Generals, with Ms. Menka Raj Chauhan, Deputy Advocate General.

Sandeep Sharma, Judge(oral):

On account of sheer incompetency of a Government official, poor lady is compelled to approach this Court in the instant proceedings filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying therein to issue direction to Tehsildar, Anni, District Kullu, Himachal Pradesh to do the needful in terms of order dated 22.12.2022 passed by Additional District Magistrate, District Kullu, Himachal Pradesh in an appeal filed under Rule 19 of the Part Time Multitask Workers Policy.

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

2. Having regard to the nature of prayer and order proposed to be passed in the instant proceedings, this Court finds no necessity to call for the reply from the respondents and as such, same is dispensed with.

3. While accepting notice on behalf of the respondents, Mr. Vishal Panwar, learned Additional Advocate General states that needful, if not already done in terms of order dated 22.12.2022(Annexure P-11), shall be done expeditiously. Day in and day out courts are being accused of huge pendency of cases, but probably nobody has realized till date that pendency of cases in courts of law is on account of indifferent and callous attitude of government officials, who instead of shouldering responsibility, not only keep on waiting for court orders, rather compel general public to approach court of law in every petty matter.

4. It is a classic case, where Appellate Authority vide order dated 22.12.2022, specifically directed Tehsildar, Anni to re-verify the income certificate issued in favour of Smt. Priyanka on or before 7.5.2022. More than one year and three months have passed, but the Authority concerned has not bothered to comply with the aforesaid order, which itself speaks volumes about careless and negligent approach of the officers manning the high post, towards welfare of general public as well as orders passed by the courts.

5. Though, it is a fit case where this Court having taken note of serious lapse on the part of the officer concerned would have straightway initiated contempt proceedings against the officer, but on the vehement request of learned Additional Advocate General, deems it fit to dispose of the present petition with a direction to authority concerned i.e. Tehsildar, Anni to comply with the order dated 22.12.2022, if not already complied with, within 48 hours and compliance thereof be filed in the Registry of this Court.

6. Learned Additional Advocate General is directed to place the copy of the instant order before Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh, so that necessary directions are issued to all the departments to ensure compliance of the orders passed by the Court/ quasi judicial authorities in a time bound manner.

Authenticated copy of this order be supplied to learned Additional Advocate General, enabling him to communicate the aforesaid order to Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh as well as authority concerned for necessary compliance. Pending applications, if any, also stands disposed of.

**(Sandeep Sharma),
Judge**

March 13, 2024
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