



Court on its own motion vs. State of H.P. and others alongwith connected matters

CWPIL Nos. 27, 80 & 96 of 2026

[Item D-15]

CWPIL No. 27 of 2026

08.10.2026 Present:

Court on its own motion.

Mr. Sidharth Jalta, Deputy Advocate General, for the respondents/State.

CWPIL No. 80 of 2026

None for the petitioner.

Mr. Sidharth Jalta, Deputy Advocate General, for respondents No. 1 to 5/State.

Mr. Rahul Thakur, Advocate, for responnet No.6.

CWPIL No. 96 of 2026

Mr. Deven Khanna, Advocate, as Amicus Curiae.

Mr. Sidharth Jalta, Deputy Advocate General, for respondents No. 1 & 2.

Mr. Rahul Thakur, Advocate, for respondent No.3.

CWPIL No.96 of 2026

Learned Amicus Curiae has placed on record a chart showing that 55 roads have been constructed in violation of the H.P. Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, within Seraj Assembly Constituency (Nachan Forest Division), which would go to show that the proposal is yet to be received from the User Agency, but the roads are already in place in a majority of the cases.

However, work has not been completed for Serial Nos. 51 to 55, and the progress for Serial No. 11 (Bagsaid Rahidhar Kathyali Dharwar Dhansal Road, Length in Km-10.165) is shown as "in progress, approved". Another list

shows the roads approved under FRA in Siraj Vidhan Sabha Constituency Assembly after 19th August, 2026.

In CWPII No. 96 of 2026, it has been highlighted under which provisions permission has to be granted and how permission has been wrongly granted under the Forest Rights Act, 2006, which is apparently not for the benefit of such forest dwellers or the forest, the documents also go on to show that there are as many as 16 helipads in Seraj. Thus, it is pointed out that having such facilities in forest areas is disturbing the wildlife and warrants assessment of the impact on the area, as large scale felling of green trees was resorted to for the construction of the roads.

Keeping in view the above, we reiterate the order dated 17.8.2026 in CWPII No. 96 of 2026 that no construction and tarring will be done on the forest roads till further orders.

List on 2nd December, 2026.

(G.S. Sandhawalia)
Chief Justice

(Bipin C. Negi)
Judge

08th October, 2026
(Tarun Singh)