



Sohan Singh Mehta Vs. State of HP & ors and connected matters.

CWP No.1616/2020 a/w COPC Nos 62 and 94 of 2022

7.7.2022 Present:- **CWP No. 1616/2020**
Mr. Sanjeev Bhushan, Sr. Advocate with Mr. C.D. Negi, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Ashok Sharma, Advocate General with Mr. Nand Lal Thakur, Additional Advocate General for the respondent Nos. 1 to 3.

Dr. Lalit K.Sharma, Advocate, for respondent No.4.

Mr. Digvijay Singh, Advocate, for respondent No.5.

Mr. Bal Ram Sharma, ASGI, for respondent Nos 6 and 7.

COPC Nos. 62 & 94 of 2022

Mr. Sanjeev Bhushan, Sr. Advocate with Mr. C.D. Negi, Advocate, for the petitioner in both the petitions.

Mr. Ashok Sharma, Advocate General with Mr. Nand Lal Thakur, Additional Advocate General for the respondent Nos. 1 to 3/State.

Dr. Lalit K.Sharma, Advocate, for respondent No.4 in both the petitions

Mr. Digvijay Singh, Advocate, for respondent No.5 in both the petitions.

Pursuant to the order passed by this Court, the Deputy Commissioner, Kinnaur District at Reckong Peo has filed his affidavit dated 18.4.2022, wherein in paragraph 2, he has stated as follows :-

“That, in compliance to the directions passed by the Hon’ble High Court on 22.3.2022, the deponent inspected the site on 26.3.2022 and it has found that project proponent had been dumping muck/debris on designated dumping site No.3 bearing khasra No. 724/576/1, 571/1 measuring 0-89-28 hect. Situated at up mohal Rang, which has already been diverted in favour of Shongtong Karchham HEP by Ministry of Environment and Forest on 14.11.2012 and also found that neither any tree is being damaged or cut nor any debris is being thrown in the Satluj river and there is no interference with the course of river Satluj. Suitable land for muck dumping is very scarce in the District, that is why the dumping yard cannot be re-located and most of the area of District Kinnaur is Forest Area.”

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Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner can suggest some alternate sites where the dumping yard can be re-allocated. We permit the petitioner to submit a plan showing the alternate sites where the muck/debris can be re-located.

List on 21.7.2022.

**(A.A. Sayed)
Chief Justice**

**(Chander Bhusan Barowalia)
Judge**

7th July, 2022
(Guleria/himani)

High Court of J&K