

IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.10617 of 2026

Decided on: 07.07.2026

Geeta Devi and Anr

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. and others

.....Respondents

Coram

Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua

Whether approved for reporting?¹

For the Petitioners: Ms. Priti Steta, Advocate.

For the Respondents: Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocate General with Mr. L.N.Sharma, Additional Advocate General for respondents No. 1 to 3.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge

Notice. Mr. L.N.Sharma, learned Additional Advocate General, appears and waives service of notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3.

2. In view of nature of the grievances urged for the petitioners, relief prayed for and the order being passed hereinafter, there is no necessity to issue notice to respondents No. 4 to 6. There is also no requirement to call for reply of appearing respondents. The matter has

¹Whether reporters of print and electronic media may be allowed to see the order? Yes.

accordingly been heard at this stage.

3. Petitioners seek direction to the respondent-Authorities to conclude the partition proceedings, which are statedly pending since the year 2017, in a time bound manner. To show the date of initiation of partition proceedings, learned counsel for the petitioners has invited attention to the application moved by respondent No.4 (Annexure P-1) for partition of land statedly held by him jointly with the petitioners and respondents No. 5 and 6.

4. In view of the assertion that partition proceedings initiated in the year 2017 are still pending adjudication before the Assistant Collector, First Grade, Tehsil Bhoranj, District Hamirpur, there shall be a direction to respondent No.3 to ensure that partition proceedings in question are completed in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within six months from today.

Copy of this order be brought to the notice of respondents No.1 to 3 by the office of learned Advocate General.

The writ petition stands disposed of in the above terms, so also the pending miscellaneous application(s), if any.

July 7, 2026
R.Atal

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge