

ITEM NO.9

COURT NO.12

SECTION III-B

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No(s). 40910/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 01-03-2025 in RFA No. 40/2019 20-03-2026 in RP No. 61/2025 passed by the High Court of Himachal Pradesh at Shimla]

BALBIR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

RENUKA JI DAM PROJECT HPPCL & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 241858/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

Date : 24-08-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASHANT KUMAR MISHRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHREE CHANDRASHEKHAR

For Petitioner(s) :

Mr. Rahul Kaushik, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Satyendra Kumar, AOR
Ms. Roopa Paul, Adv.
Ms. Sunita Bhardwaj, Adv.
Mr. Parveen Paul, Adv.
Mr. Saransh Attri, Adv.
Ms. Kajol Agrawal, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. Delay condoned.
2. The High Court, on 22.08.2022, has passed the following order in RFA No. 40/2019;

" 10. Record reveals that approximately 12000 bighas of land belonging to poor claimants has been

acquired by appellant HPPCL for construction of Renuka Ji Dam and approximately rupees 2500 crores were likely to be spent by HPPCL for acquisition of land. This Court has been further informed that majority of the Land Acquisition cases are being conducted/ represented by Mr. P.S. Kanwar, Advocate. Taking note of serious allegations of fraud committed by Sh. P.S. Kanwar, Advocate upon the respondents-claimants, as named hereinabove, though there appears to be no impediment for this Court to order registration of FIR against the Sh. P.S. Kanwar, Advocate but before passing such direction, this Court with a view to unearth the entire scam, deems it fit to constitute Special Investigation Team, headed by Superintendent of Police, Sirmaur, who along with DSP, Dadahu, DSP Rajgarh and DSP Sangrah, shall conduct the Investigation with regard to allegations of cheating/fraud and manipulation of records allegedly committed by Mr. P.S. Kanwar, Advocate as well as other advocates. SIT Constituted by this Court while enquiring role of the above named lawyer would also investigate the role of touts, revenue officials (land acquisition authorities) and other advocates, if any, who

fraudulently got the bank accounts of the claimants opened in various bank without their knowledge."

3. Despite the above order, SIT has not lodged any FIR in respect of the allegations of cheating/ fraud and manipulation of records allegedly committed by the concerned Advocate(s), and there is nothing on record as to what investigation was carried out concerning the role of touts, revenue officials (Land Acquisition Authorities) and other advocates.

4. Issue notice, returnable in eight weeks.

(NISHA KHULBEY)
COURT MASTER(SH)

(AKSHAY KUMAR BHORIA)
COURT MASTER(NSH)