

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA.**  
**COPC No. 297 of 2012 a/w COPCs No. 254, 267 and 295 of 2012.**

**Decided on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2012**

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**COPC No. 297 of 2012**

Neelam Kumari D/o Sh. Balwant Singh, R/o Village and Post Office  
Ambota, Tehsil Amb, District Una, H.P.

...Petitioner.

Versus

1. Sh. S.K. Dass, Principal Secretary (Social Justice and Empowerment) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
2. Sh. Manish Garg, Director, Social Justice and Empowerment, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9.

....Respondents.

**COPC No. 254 of 2012**

Rama Kumari D/o Sh. Bansi Lal, R/o Village and Post Office Ambota,  
Tehsil Amb, District Una, H.P.

...Petitioner.

Versus

1. Sh. S.K. Dass, Principal Secretary (Social Justice and Empowerment) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
2. Sh. Manish Garg, Director, Social Justice and Empowerment, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9.

....Respondents.

**COPC No. 267 of 2012**

1. Veena Devi wife of Sh. Suneel Kumar, R/o Village and Post Office Gagret, Tehsil Amb, District Una, H.P.
2. Sarita Devi W/o Sh. Parshottam Lal, R/o Village and Post Office Gagret, Tehsil Amb, District Una, H.P.

...Petitioner.

Versus

1. Sh. S.K. Dass, Principal Secretary (Social Justice and Empowerment) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
2. Sh. Manish Garg, Director, Social Justice and Empowerment, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9.

....Respondents.

**COPC No. 295 of 2012**

Punam Kumari D/o Sh. Padam Mohan R/o Village and Post Office  
Dhalwari, Tehsil Amb, District Una, H.P.

...Petitioner.

Versus

1. Sh. S.K. Dass, Principal Secretary (Social Justice and Empowerment) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
2. Smt. Madhu Bala Sharma, Director, Social Justice and Empowerment, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9.

....Respondents.

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***The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kurian Joseph, Chief Justice***

***The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dharam Chand Chaudhary, Judge.***

**For the petitioners: Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Suri, Advocate.**

**For the Respondents: Mr. R.K. Bawa, Advocate General with Mr. J.K. Verma, Deputy Advocate General.**

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**Justice Kurian Joseph, C.J. (Oral)**

In view of the intervening developments, leading to the order dated 19.7.2012 passed by the Director, Women and Child Development, Himachal Pradesh, which is taken on record, whereby, 13 employees of the ICDS Project have been taken over by the Government, including Smt. Rama Kumari of the Ankur Welfare Society Gagret, it cannot be said that there is any contumacious conduct on the part of the respondents and the COPCs are dismissed. Rule is discharged. We make it clear that this order shall not stand in the way either of the petitioners or any other person covered by the order, pursuing their grievances, if any still surviving, in appropriate proceedings.

2. So far Smt. Neelam Kumari, petitioner in COPC No. 297 is concerned, it is pointed out that her husband is missing for the

last around seven years and now she is posted at Bilaspur and her family is at Una. Therefore, there will be a direction to the Director to look into the matter within a week from the date of production of a copy of this judgment and see whether Smt. Neelam Kumari can be adjusted in Una.

(Justice Kurian Joseph)  
Chief Justice

25<sup>th</sup> August, 2012  
(kck)

(Justice Dharam Chand Chaudhary)  
Judge.