

**NHPC Ltd. Vs. State of H.P. & Ors. a/w connected matters**

**CWP No.2916 of 2023 a/w CWP Nos.2262, 2263, 2277, 2600, 2721, 2739, 2855, 2864, 2869, 2913, 2917, 2918, 3083 to 3087, 3107, 3114 to 3117, 3129, 3130, 3246, 3247, 3249, 3260, 3300, 3410, 3897, 3898, 4105, 4111, 4163, 4239 and 5410 of 2023**

**13.12.2023 Present:**

Mr. Tushar Mehta, Sr. Advocate (through VC) with Mr. Vijay Kumar Arora and Mr. Avneesh Arputtham, Advocates, for the petitioner in CWP No.2916 of 2023.

Ms. Shalini Thakur (physical) and Dr. Seema Jain (through VC) Advocates for the petitioners in CWP Nos. 2262 and 2263 and Ms. Shalini Thakur, Advocate, for the petitioner in CWP. No. 2721 of 2023.

Mr. S. Ganesh, Sr. Advocate (through VC) and Mr. Rajnish Maniktala, Senior Advocate with Mr. Naresh Kumar Verma, Advocate, for the petitioner (s) in CWP Nos. 2277, 2600, 3246, 3247, 3249, 3300, 4105 and 4111 of 2023.

Mr. Vikas Chauhan, Mr. Vishwajeet Tyagi, Mr. Tarun Johri and Mr. Sarthak Mehta, Advocates, for the petitioner(s) in CWP Nos.2739, 2917 and 2918 of 2023.

Mr. K.D. Shreedhar, Senior Advocate with Mr. Sameer Thakur, Ms. Sneha Bhimta and Mr. Adarsh Tripathi, Advocates, for the petitioner(s) in CWP Nos.2855, 2869, 2913, 3083 to 3087, 3107, 3114 to 3117 and 3129 of 2023.

Mr. N.K. Sood, Senior Advocate with Mr. Aman Sood, Advocate, for the petitioner(s) in CWP Nos. 2864 and 3410 of 2023 alongwith Ms. Vandana Gupta, Sr. Law Officer and Ms. Amandeep Kaur, Law Officer.

Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi (through VC) and Mr. R.L. Sood, Senior Advocates with Mr. H.S. Chandoke, Mr. Anant Garg and Mr. Janesh Gupta, Advocates, for the petitioner in CWP No.3130 of 2023.

Mr. Sujit Ghosh (through VC), Mr. Nishant Kumar, Mr. Virender Sharma, Ms. Anshika Agarwal (through VC) and Ms. Mannat Waraich, Advocates, for the petitioner in CWP No.3260 of 2023.

Ms. Shradha Karol (through VC) and Mr. Vaibhav Singh Chauhan, Advocates, for the petitioner(s) in CWP Nos.3897, 3898, 2869 and 4163 of 2023.

Mr. Anand Sharma, Senior Advocate with Mr. Karan Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner in CWP No.4239 of 2023, respondent No.14 in CWP No.2855 of 2023 and for respondent No.6 in CWP No.2869 of 2023.

Mr. Ankur Sehgal and Janesh Gupta, Advocates, for the petitioner in CWP No. 5410 of 2023.

Mr. Dushyant Dave, Senior Advocate, with Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocate General, Mr. I.N. Mehta and Mr. Yashwardhan Chauhan, Senior Additional Advocate Generals, Mr. Navlesh Verma, and Ms. Sharmila Patial, Additional Advocate Generals and Mr. J.S. Guleria, Deputy Advocate General, for the respondents-State, in all the matters.

Mr. Balram Sharma, Deputy Solicitor General of India and Mr. Rajinder Thakur, Central Government Counsel, for the respondent-Union of India.

Ms. Sunita Sharma, Sr. Advocate, with Ms. Lalita Sharma, Advocate, for respondent No.6 in CWP Nos.2917 & 2918 of 2023 and for respondent No.8 in CWP No.2869 of 2023.

Mr. Nitin Thakur, Advocate, for respondent No.7 in CWP No.2855 of 2023 and for respondents No.11 to 13 in CWP No.2869 of 2023.

M/s Satish Mukherjee, Abhishek Kumar, Nived, Shubham Mudgil and Mr. Janesh Gupta, Advocates, for respondent No.11 in CWP No.2855 of 2023.

Mr. Shivom Vashishta, Advocate, for respondent No.14 in CWP No.2855 of 2023 and respondent No.6 in CWP No.2869 of 2023.

Arguments on behalf of the State concluded. Now to come up for rebuttal arguments on behalf of the petitioner(s) on **19.12.2023**, at 10:00 am.

**(Tarlok Singh Chauhan)**  
**Judge**

**(Satyen Vaidya)**  
**Judge**

**13<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**  
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