

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
AT JABALPUR

WP No. 28724 of 2024

(S C JAIN AND OTHERS Vs THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS)

Dated : 31-07-2026

Shri Anshuman Singh - Advocate for the petitioner.

Shri V.S. Choudhary - Government Advocate for the
respondents/State.

Shri Aditya Khandekar - Advocate for the respondent No.3.

There is a serious dispute with respect to the guidelines of the area for which the petitioner has given an undertaking for execution of a registered sale deed.

The reply filed by the Housing Board was duly adopted by the State. A clarification with respect to the guidelines of the particular area is required in the matter for which the State authorities have filed a separate reply in the matter. Without considering the dispute pending adjudication before this Court, they have blindly appointed the officer from the Housing Board as an O.I.C. in the matter and he has filed the reply adopting the reply filed by the Housing Board. The dispute pertains to fixation of the market price of the land in question or the property in question. In pursuance to the undertaking given by the petitioners in Writ Petition No.3331/2016 vide order dated 26.04.2024, counsel appearing for the State could not point out the correct guidelines of the area in question and prays for a short time to enable him to ascertain the same and file a better affidavit before this Court in the form of additional reply.

However, for the lapses on the part of the respondents in negligently filing the reply before this Court and simply adopting the reply filed by the Housing Board, this Court deems it appropriate to grant further seven days time to the State Authorities to file a better affidavit in the form of additional reply in the matter, subject to payment of cost of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)** in the Account of M.P. High Court Bar Association (SB A/c No.519302010000549, IFSC CODE: UBIN0551937, Union Bank of India, State Bar Council High Court Branch, Jabalpur) within a period of seven working days from today to be borne by the O.I.C. of the matter personally. The same will not be refunded back from the public exchequer.

List the matter in the **week commencing 10.08.2026** for consideration.

Interim relief, if any, to continue till the next date of hearing.

(VISHAL MISHRA)
JUDGE

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