

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
AT JABALPUR
WP No. 36057 of 2025
(UMANG SINGHAR Vs THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS)

Dated : 07-11-2025

*Shri Vibhor Khandelwal - Advocate with Shri Jayesh Gurnani -
Advocate for Petitioner.*

*Shri Prashant Singh - Advocate General with Shri Vivek Sharma -
Deputy Advocate General for Respondent/State.*

Petitioner has filed a subject petition contending that he has filed a petition before the Speaker of Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly on 30.06.2024 seeking disqualification of respondent No.4 from the Legislative Assembly.

Learned counsel for petitioner submits that despite lapse of several months, said petition has not been decided.

Learned counsel for petitioner relies on the judgment dated 31.07.2025 in *SLP (C) No.2353-54 of 2025 (Padi Kaushik Reddy Etc. Vs. The State of Telangana and Ors. Etc.) 2025 SCC OnLine 1576* to contend that on such a petition being filed, the Speaker has to decide the same as expeditiously as possible.

Learned counsel submits that depending on the facts and circumstances of the case, reasonable period of three months has been laid down by the Supreme Court in *Keisham Meghachandra Singh Vs. Speaker, Manipur Legislative Assembly (2021) 16 SCC 503*.

Learned counsel for petitioner submits that petitioner had impleaded

the Speaker by name for the reason that there are certain aspersions allegation made against the Speaker however, at this stage, he does not press the issuance of notice to respondent No.3.

Learned Advocate General appearing for the State submits that in terms of law laid down by the Supreme Court, this Court does not exercise the power of judicial review except in a case where Speaker has taken a decision on the petition and he submits, in the first instance, it is the absolute prerogative of the Speaker of Legislative Assembly to take a decision on such a petition.

Learned Advocate General submits that he is not appearing for the Speaker and, as such, he is unable to state the status of the said petition.

Accordingly, issue notice to respondent Nos.1, 2 and 4.

Notice is accepted by learned counsel appearing for respondent No.1/State. Notice shall issue to respondent No.2 and 4, returnable on 18.11.2025.

(SANJEEV SACHDEVA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(VINAY SARAF)
JUDGE

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