

IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No. 10889 of 2024

Decided on: 18.06.2026

Virender Kumar Santvan Petitioner

Versus

Himachal Pradesh University and another ... Respondents

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Hon’ble Mr. Justice Ajay Mohan Goel, Judge.

Whether approved for reporting?¹

For the petitioner : Mr. Parav Sharma, Advocate.

For the respondents : Ms. Ranjana Pathania, Advocate vice
Mrs. Archna Dutt, Advocate for
respondent No. 1.

: Mr. R.P. Singh, Deputy Advocate
General for respondent No. 2.

Ajay Mohan Goel, Judge [Oral]

By way of this writ petition, the petitioner has *inter alia* approached this Court, praying for the following reliefs:-

“i. That the respondent may kindly be directed to count the past contractual services 10.06.2005 of the petitioner followed by regularization towards qualifying services for pension in consonance with State of H.P and anr versus Sheila Devi and connected matters in time bound manner under old pension scheme on account of the option he duly exercised after restoration of old pension scheme in the year 2023.

ii. That the respondents may be directed to set off /adjust the arrears of pension payable to the petitioner w.e.f

¹ Whether reporters of the local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?

the date the arrears of pension become payable ie April 2023 with the amount of government contribution to be returned as a pre condition of the old pension scheme further directing the respondents to release the remaining arrears in case amount of arrears payable is calculated than the to be more government contribution on return or otherwise on any revision or further re fixation of pay.”

2. Learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that during the pendency of the writ petition, respondent-University has taken the decision to implement the judgment passed by Hon’ble Supreme Court of India in SLP (C) No. 10399 of 2020, titled as State of H.P. and another vs. Sheela Devi, qua the employees of the Himachal Pradesh University, in terms of Circular dated 13.01.2025, copy whereof is appended with the reply filed by the University. Learned Counsel further submitted that thereafter, the petitioner was called upon to furnish certain documents and needful has been done by the petitioner. He submitted that in these circumstances, this petition be disposed of by directing the respondents to do the needful in the case of the petitioner in light of the Circular dated 13.01.2025, within some reasonable time.

3. As what was contended by learned Counsel for the petitioner, was not disputed on behalf of the University, this petition is disposed of with the direction that now the needful in the case of the petitioner be positively done by the University within a period of six weeks from today in terms of Circular dated 13.01.2025.

Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stand disposed of accordingly.

(Ajay Mohan Goel)
Judge

June 18, 2026
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