

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
AT SHIMLA**

COPC No.985 of 2026
Decided on: 11.09.2026.

Jai Singh and Ors

....Petitioners

Versus

Devesh Kumar and Ors

....Respondents

Coram :

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjan Sharma, Judge

¹ *Whether approved for reporting?*

For the petitioners: Mr. Daleep Singh Kaith, Advocate.

For the respondents: Mr. Sumit Sharma, Deputy,
Advocate General.

Ranjan Sharma, Judge :

Petitioner Jai Singh and 37 others have invoked contempt jurisdiction of this Court for non-compliance with the judgment dated 19.12.2025 in CWP No. 6348 of 2023, titled as **“Jai Singh and Others v. State of Himachal Pradesh”**, whereby, the claim of the petitioners was allowed and the rejection orders dated 03.07.2021 and 01.11.2021 were quashed and set aside and the respondents were directed to step-up the pay of the petitioners at par with their juniors from the due date with consequential benefits but by

¹ *Whether reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgment?*

limiting the arrears for three years preceding the filing of the writ petitions.

2. It is averred that the petitioners submitted a representation on 13.01.2026 [Annexure C-2], but the respondents did not comply with the judgment at the relevant time.

3. Notice was issued by this Court on 31.07.2026 directing the Respondents to file a response or compliance affidavit within four weeks.

4. Upon listing of the matter today, Learned State Counsel has placed on record the Reply-Affidavit dated 10.09.2026 of Director General of Police, Himachal Pradesh. Paragraph 6 of the Reply-Affidavit indicates that out of 38 petitioners, benefit of stepping up in terms of judgment has been extended to 35 petitioners. Three petitioners; namely, A.S.I. Ramesh Kumar (Serial No. 36), H.C. Goutam Ram (Serial No. 8), and H.C. Rohit Thakur (Serial No. 25); were not covered for the grant of benefits as per government decisions.

5. In backdrop of Reply-Compliance Affidavit, Learned Counsel for the petitioners submits that once the State Authorities have decided to extend the benefits

to 35 petitioners but neither their pay has been fixed nor eligible monetary benefits in terms of the judgment have been released as yet, for which necessary directions may be passed by this Court. He further submits that regarding the three ineligible petitioners, liberty may be reserved, so as to enable them to avail appropriate remedies hereinafter
[Statement Taken on record]

6. Considering the matter in above perspective, this Court is of the considered view, that once the judgment dated 19.12.2025 [Annexure C-1], has been partly complied within respect of 35 out of 38 petitioners, therefore, State Authorities-Respondents are mandated to refix the pay and release eligible arrears in terms of the *judgment [if not already released]*, within four weeks from today. So far as remaining, three ineligible petitioners are concerned, as prayed, liberty is reserved, qua them, to seek appropriate remedy hereinafter, in accordance with law.

7. Consequently, contempt proceedings are closed; and Notice of contempt, is discharged.

In aforesaid terms, the instant petitioner and all pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall also stand

disposed of.

(Ranjan Sharma)
Judge

September 11, 2026
[Anita]