

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

**CWP No. 17513 of 2026 and
connected matters.**

Decided on: 07.10.2026

1. CWP No. 17513 of 2026

Kumari Anjana and Anr. Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. and Anr. Respondents

2. CWP No. 17411 of 2026

Parshotam Singh Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Ors. Respondents

3. CWP No. 17405 of 2026

Jasbir Singh Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Ors. Respondents

4. CWP No. 17558 of 2026

Renuka Devi Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Anr. Respondents

5. CWP No. 17573 of 2026

Arun Kumar Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Anr. Respondents

6. CWP No. 17582 of 2026

Praveen Kumari Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Anr. Respondents

7. CWP No. 17526 of 2026

Atul Pathania Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Anr. Respondents

8. CWP No. 17564 of 2026

Om Prakash Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Anr. Respondents

9. CWP No. 17570 of 2026

Raman Kumar Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Anr. Respondents

10. CWP No. 17475 of 2026

Shashi Bala Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Anr. Respondents

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge.

Whether approved for reporting?¹

For the petitioners: M/s. Bhanu Verma, Akriti Rana,
Shikha Chauhan, Rocky
Advocates, in the respective writ
petitions. .

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

For the respondent: Ms. Menka Raj Chauhan, Deputy Advocate General.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, J.

Petitioners seek a direction to the respondents to count their contract services for the purpose of annual increments, seniority, promotion and all other consequential benefits. They seek applicability of the judgment rendered in ***Taj Mohammad and others Versus The State of Himachal Pradesh and others***².

2. It is an admitted position that “Himachal Pradesh Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Government Employees Act, 2024” has been quashed and set aside in ***Devinder Kumar & Ors. Vs. State of Himachal Pradesh & Anr.***³ It is also a matter of record that ***State of Himachal Pradesh & Anr. Vs. Devinder Kumar & Ors.***⁴ instituted by the State of Himachal Pradesh against the aforementioned judgment, has been dismissed by the Hon’ble Apex Court on 29.07.2026. While dismissing the appeal, the Hon’ble Apex Court granted four months’ time to the State Government to do the needful in terms of the judgment.

² CWP No.2004 of 2017 decided alongwith connected matter on 03.08.2023.

³ CWP No. 3361 of 2025 decided a/w connected matters on 25.04.2026

⁴ Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 24885/2026

3. In view of above, the present petitions are disposed of, at this stage, with direction to the respondents to pass consideration order, in accordance with the time-line indicated by the Hon'ble Apex Court. The petitioners are at liberty to seek appropriate remedy for the redressal of their surviving grievances, if any, at an appropriate stage, in case, necessity so arises.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

October 7, 2026 (R.Atal)