

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

CWP No. 17178/2026 a/w connected matters

Decided on: 05.10.2026

1. CWP No. 17178/2026

Mittal Kumar & Anr.

...Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors.

....Respondents.

2. CWP No. 17180/2026

Attu Devi & Anr.

...Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Anr.

....Respondents

3. CWP No. 17181/2026

Madan Lal & Anr.

...Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors.

....Respondents

4. CWP No. 17182/2026

Nisha Kumari & Ors.

...Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors.

....Respondents

5. CWP No. 17189/2026

Manoj Kumar & Ors.

...Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Anr.

....Respondents

6. CWP No. 17203/2026

Rajeev Kumar Rana & Ors.

...Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. & Anr. Respondents

7. CWP No. 17204/2026

Leela Devi & Ors. ...Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors. Respondents

8. CWP No. 17206/2026

Rita Devi & Ors. ...Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors. Respondents

9. CWP No. 17276/2026

Chauhan Rimmy B.S & Ors. ...Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors. Respondents

10. CWP No. 17277/2026

Meena Kumari & Ors. ...Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors. Respondents

11. CWP No. 17162/2026

Ashish Kumar & Ors. ...Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors. Respondents

12. CWP No. 17042/2026

Shubham Gomra ...Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors. Respondents

13. CWP No. 17065/2026

Anmol Jaryal		...Petitioner
	Versus	
State of H.P. & Ors.		Respondents

14. **CWP No. 17045/2026**

Mohit Choudhary		...Petitioner
	Versus	
State of H.P. & Ors.		Respondents

15. **CWP No. 17048/2026**

Biswajit Kumar & Ors.		...Petitioners
	Versus	
State of H.P. & Ors.		Respondents

16. **CWP No. 17054/2026**

Smriti Thakur		...Petitioner
	Versus	
State of H.P. & Ors.		Respondents

17. **CWP No. 17163/2026**

Neeraj Chauhan		...Petitioner
	Versus	
State of H.P. & Ors.		Respondents

18. **CWP No. 17166/2026**

Akash		...Petitioner
	Versus	
State of H.P. & Ors.		Respondents

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge.

Whether approved for reporting?¹

For the petitioner:

Ms. Mamta Garg, Mr. Aditya Chauhan, Mr. Sourav Thakur, Advocates, for the petitioners in the respective petitions.

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

For the respondents:

**Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocate
General with Mr. Sikander
Bhushan, Deputy Advocate
General in all
the petitions.**

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 decision rendered in ***Taj Mohammad and others Versus The State of Himachal Pradesh and others***².

2. It is an admitted position that the “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.

In view of above, the present petition is disposed of with direction to the respondents to consider the cases of the petitioners

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

³ CWP No. 3361 of 2025 decided alongwith connected matters on 25.04.2026

⁴ Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 24885/2026 decided on 29.07.2026

for the grant of relief prayed for by them, 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, in future. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

5th October, 2026_(rohit)