IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No. 16878/2025
Decided on: 30.10.2025

Ravi Dass …Petitioner.

Versus

Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwa-vidyalaya Palampur

….Respondent.

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Coram
Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge.

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the petitioner: **Mr. Arun Rana, Advocate.**

For the respondent: **Mr. Prince Chauhan, Advocate.**

***Jyotsna Rewal Dua* , J**

Notice. Mr. Prince Chauhan, learned Standing Counsel, appears and waives service of notice on behalf of the respondent.

With the consent of learned counsel for the parties, the matter is heard at this stage.

2. Petitioner essentially seeks a direction to the respondent-Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyalaya (in short 'respondent-University') to confer work charge status upon him on completion of his eight years of daily wage service.

According to the petitioner, he was engaged as Beldar on daily wage basis in the respondent-University in the year 1983. He

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

completed 240 days in each calendar year w.e.f. 1983. Services of the petitioner were regularized on 01.12.1997 as Beldar. Petitioner's grievance is that he was entitled to work charge status on completion of his eight years of daily wage service, but this benefit has been wrongly denied to him by the respondent.

3. Relief qua conferment of work charge status on completion of eight years of service has been claimed on the strength of the decision rendered in ***Sarwan Kumar Versus Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar Krishi Vishvavidyalaya, Palampur***[2] , as affirmed in ***Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyalaya Versus Sarwan Kumar***[3], under the lead case ***State of HP and others Versus Surajmani and Anr***.[4]

4. During the course of hearing, learned counsel for the petitioner placed on record copy of the decision rendered in ***The State of Himachal Pradesh & Ors. Versus Surajmani & Anr***.[5] ***Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyalaya Versus Sarwan Kumar***[6] was one of the matters connected and decided by the Hon'ble Apex Court alongwith the case of ***Surajmani***[5]. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner would be satisfied in case the respondent is directed to examine his

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2 O.A.(D) No.404 of 2018, decided on 20.03.2019

3 CWP No.1396 of 2019, decided on 12.01.2023

4 LPA No.165 of 2021, decided alongwith connected matters on 12.01.2023

5 Civil Appeal No.1595 of 2025, decided alongwith connected appeals on 06.02.2025

6 Civil Appeal; No.1859 of 2025, decided alongwith connected appeals on 06.02.2025

case in light of the aforesaid judgment within a fixed time schedule. Learned counsel for the respondent is not averse to this prayer.

5. Having regard to the afore-submissions, but without examining the merits of the matter, this writ petition is disposed of with direction to the respondent/ competent authority to consider and decide the case of the petitioner in accordance with law laid down in ***Surajmani***[2] & ***Sarwan Kumar***[6] and pass appropriate order in accordance with law within six weeks from today. Copy of the order so passed, be also communicated to the petitioner.

The writ petition stands disposed of in the above terms, so also the pending miscellaneous application(s), if any.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

30th October, 2025(yogesh)