IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.6067 of 2026

Decided on: 4th November, 2026

Naresh Chand **.....Petitioner**

Versus

State of H.P. and others **.....Respondents**

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the Petitioner: Ms. Anita Jalota, Advocate.

For the Respondents: Mr. Rajat Choudhry, Assistant Advocate General, for respondents No.1 and 2.

Mr. Arun Sehgal, Advocate, for respondent No.3.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge

Even though the respondents have not filed reply to the writ petition, however, in view of the office instructions dated 03.11.2026 placed on record today by the learned Assistant Advocate General from the Director, Women & Child Development, Himachal Pradesh, with the consent of learned counsel for the parties, the matter has been taken up for disposal at this stage.

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[1] **Whether reporters of print and electronic media may be allowed to see the order? Yes.**

2. This writ petition has been filed for the grant of following substantive reliefs:-

> *"i) That this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to set aside impugned order dated 31.3.2026 with direction to the respondent to promote the petitioner as CDPO from 1.4.2026 with all consequential benefits.*
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> *ii) That the respondents may be directed to post the petitioner as CDPO Theog where vacancy is likely to arise on 30.4.2026 on retirement of incumbent since the petitioner has already served in the Tribal Area in term of Govt. order."*

3. Learned Assistant Advocate General has placed on record office instructions dated 03.11.2026 from the Director, Women & Child Development, Himachal Pradesh, conveying that: (i) The competent Administrative Department had decided to review the recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee in accordance with the applicable Recruitment & Promotion Rules, the reservation roster and government instructions; (ii) The Administrative Department in this regard has already requested the Director, Vigilance to furnish Vigilance Clearance Certificate in respect of the petitioner; (iii) Upon receipt of the Vigilance Clearance Certificate, the Administrative Department will send the case of the petitioner to the H.P. Public Service Commission for fixing the date of the DPC; (iv) Upon fixing the date by the

Commission, the DPC will be convened and conducted by the Administrative Department.

The instructions are further to the effect that if upon such review, the petitioner is found eligible and due for consideration in the applicable seniority list/zone of consideration in accordance with the Rules and other applicable provisions, he will be promoted to the post of Child Development Project Officer.

4. Taking note of petitioner's grievance and the office instructions now placed on record, it is deemed appropriate to dispose of this writ petition by directing the respondents to do the needful in terms of their above-cited office instructions, as expeditiously as possible, but not later than six weeks from today. Ordered accordingly.

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

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

November 04, 2026
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