IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH SHIMLA

CWP No. 5978 of 2024 along with CWP No. 6012 of 2024.
Decided on : 2nd November, 2026

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1. CWP No. 5978 of 2024

Godawari Devi **...Petitioner.**

Versus

HRTC & Ors. ....**Respondents.**

2. CWP No. 6012 of 2024

Sharda Devi **...Petitioner.**

Versus

HRTC & Ors. ....**Respondents.**

Coram:

Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge.

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the Petitioners: Mr. Mandeep Chandel, Advocate.

For the respondents: Mr. Raman Jamalta, Advocate.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge.

Reply has not been filed.

2. With the consent of the parties, the matters are heard at this stage.

3. The petitioners have prayed for following substantive relief:-

> *"I. That respondents may kindly be directed to release enhanced dearness relief and interim relief with arrears along with interest @9% per annum in favour of the petitioner with in time bound manner and not to stop the Dearness relief in future and be released as per law."*

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

4. The instant petitions have been filed, praying for a direction to the respondents to release enhanced dearness relief and interim relief with arrears along with interest in favour for the petitioners

5. Learned counsel for the petitioners referred to office memorandum dated 07.02.2015 (Annexure P-1), whereunder dearness relief to Himachal Pradesh Government Pensioner/FamilyPensioners was revised w.e.f. 01.07.2014. Reliance was also placed upon office memorandum dated 07.03.2021, issued by the Department of Finance Government of Himachal Pradesh, further revising the dearness relief of Himachal Pradesh Government Pensioners/ Family Pensioners w.e.f. 01.07.2019.

6. It is not in dispute that office memorandums dated 07.02.2015 and 07.03.2021 have been adopted by the respondent-Corporation and dearness relief in terms of these office memorandums is admissible to the petitioners, but the same has not been released to them.

In view of above, the instant writ petitions are disposed of by directing the respondents/competent authority to pay due and admissible dearness relief to the petitioners in terms of above office memorandums within a period of six weeks from today. It is, however, made clear that in case due and admissible dearness relief is not paid by the respondents to

the petitioners within the aforesaid period, then the same shall be payable with interest @ 5% per annum from the due date till its actual realization. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, shall also

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

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

2nd November, 2026.
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