IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.10474 of 2026

Decided on: 26th October, 2026

Indira Devi **.....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: Mr. M.L. Sharma, Advocate.

For the Respondents: Ms. Menka Raj Chauhan, Deputy Advocate General, for respondents No.1 to 3.

Mr. Tara Chand Chauhan, Advocate, for respondent No.4.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge

Petitioner has prayed for direction to the respondents to sanction and release pension and other terminal benefits in favour of her late husband w.e.f. 01.01.2018 as per the dictum in ***Sunder Singh Versus The State of Himachal Pradesh & Ors.***[2].

2. Learned Deputy Advocate General has placed on record office instructions dated 17.08.2026 from the

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

[2] Civil Appeal No.6309 of 2017, decided on 08.03.2018

Deputy Conservator of Forests, Rajgarh Forest Division, conveying that office order dated 13.03.2026, rejecting the case of the petitioner for the reliefs claimed for by her, which has been impugned in this writ petition, has been superseded vide office order dated 28.07.2026. Claim of late Shri Dalip Singh (petitioner's husband) for pension under the Old Pension Scheme has been accepted and pension case has been forwarded to the Accountant General (A&E), Himachal Pradesh for authorization of pensionary/family pension benefits. Copy of the office order dated 28.07.2026 has also been appended alongwith the office instructions.

3. Learned counsel appearing for respondent No.5 has placed on record Pension Payment Order-cum-Commutation Payment Order, sanctioning pension in favour of petitioner's husband with date of start of pension as 01.04.2023.

Taking note of the aforesaid documents placed on record by learned counsel for the respondents, this writ petition is disposed of as the relief claimed for by the petitioner now stands granted in her favour. It is hoped and expected that needful in terms of office order dated 28.07.2026 and Pension Payment Order authorized on 07.09.2026 shall be done by the respondents by releasing

the due and admissible monetary benefits to the petitioner with recurring monthly pension within four weeks from today. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

October 26, 2026
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