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

**CWP No.9902 of 2023**

**Decided on: 1st October, 2026**

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Satish Kumar **.....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**Coram**

**Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua**

**Whether approved for reporting?**[1]

For the Petitioner: Mr. Susheel Gautam, Advocate.

For the Respondents: Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocate General with Mr. L.N. Sharma, Additional Advocate General.

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**Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge**

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

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

> *"1. That to direct the respondent-department to count the entire service rendered by petitioner on contractual basis from the date of their initial appointment followed by their regularization, for the purpose of increments and all other service benefits from the date of their regularization with all consequential benefits.*
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> *2. That Annexure P-6 dated 25.07.2023 may be quashed and set aside for all intents and purposes and services rendered by the petitioner on contractual basis be counted as qualifying service for grant of seniority and*

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

*subsequent promotion along with all the consequential service benefits."*

Petitioner seeks applicability of the decision rendered in ***Taj Mohammad and others Versus The State of Himachal Pradesh and others***[2].

**3.** It is an admitted position that "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.

**4.** In view of above, the present writ petition is disposed of at this stage with direction to the respondents to pass consideration order in accordance with the timeline indicated by the Hon'ble Apex Court. The petitioner is at

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[2] *CWP No.2004 of 2017* decided alongwith connected matter on 03.08.2023.
[3] CWP No.3361 of 2025 decided a/w connected matters on 25.04.2026
[4] Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).24885/2026

liberty to seek appropriate remedy for the redressal of his surviving grievances, if any, at an appropriate stage, in case necessity so arises.

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

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

October 01, 2026
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