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

CWPOA No.2859 of 2019

Decided on: 02.11.2026

Joginder Lal and others .....Petitioners

Versus

State of Himachal Pradesh and others ....Respondents

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Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjan Sharma, Judge

[1]*Whether approved for reporting?*

For the petitioners: None.

For the respondents: Mr. Rahul Thakur, Deputy Advocate General

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Ranjan Sharma, Judge

Petitioners had filed instant writ petition i.e. *CWP No.9942 of 2013* before this Court; and upon establishment of State Administrative Tribunal, the matter was transferred to the said Tribunal; and now upon its abolition, the same has been re-transferred to this Court as *CWPOA No.2859 of 2019, seeking the following relief:-*

> "13 (i) That the writ in the nature of certiorari may kindly be issued for quashing the impugned order dated 03.10.2013 passed by the respondent No.2 while

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[1] *Whether reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgment?*

rejecting the representation made by the petitioners and consequently directing the respondents to grant the Grade Pay of Rs.5000/- and further declare the post of Assistant Agriculture Statistical Officers as Class-I Gazetted as has been done in the case of Research Officers/ Statisticians/Statistical Officers working in the department of Economics and Statistics from the date the petitioners were promoted as Assistant Agriculture Statistical Officers till the actual payment made to them and justice be done;

10(ii) That the writ in the nature of mandamus may kindly be issued directing the respondents to classify the post of Assistant Agriculture Statistical officer as Class-I (Gazetted) as has been done in the category of the post of Research Officer/District Statistical Officer/ Statisticians in the Economic and Statistics Department as per notification dated 21.01.2012 and justice be done; and

10(iii) That the respondents may further be directed to release the benefit of grade pay of Rs.5,000/- from the date of promotion of the petitioners as Assistant Agriculture Statistical Officers and the arrears may kindly be ordered to be paid alongwith interest @ 12% per annum from the date, the same fell due, till its realization and justice be done."

2. Pursuant to issuance of notice by the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court on 09.01.2014, the parties have exchanged the pleadings inter-se.

3. Matter was listed on 19.09.2026 when, the Court Notice(s) were directed to be issued to the petitioners.

4. Upon listing of matter on 14.10.2026, office report indicated that Petitioners No.1 and 2 were served, but there was no appearance on their behalf. Since Petitioner No.3 was also not served, therefore, Fresh Court Notice was directed to be issued to Petitioner No.3.

5. Upon listing of the matter today, Learned State Counsel places on record communication dated 02.11.2026, including Court Notice dated 16.10.2026 issued to Petitioner No.3-Yog Raj, through Director of Agriculture, which has been duly received by the aforesaid Petitioner. Despite service, Petitioner No.3 has chosen not to appear and contest the proceedings.

6. Considering the fact that the petitioners, as discussed hereinabove, are not interested to continue with the present proceedings and therefore, instant proceedings are closed.

In aforesaid terms, instant petition and all

the pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(Ranjan Sharma)
Judge

November 02, 2026
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