IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No. 10436/2024
Decided on: 25.11.2026

Sanjay Sheel …Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Anr. ….Respondents.

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Coram
Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge.

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the petitioner:	**Mr. Raham Tulla, Advocate vice Mr. Devender K. Sharma, Advocate.**
For the respondents:	**Mr. Rajat Choudhary, Assistant Advocate General.**

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, J

Even though the reply has not been filed, however, with the consent of learned counsel for the parties, the matter is taken up for disposal at this stage.

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

> *"That an appropriate writ, order or directions may kindly be issued, thereby directing the respondent department to count the contract services rendered by the petitioners for all purposes including the purposes of annual increments, leave encashment, pension and seniority and they may kindly be released all the consequential benefits after counting of their contract service from the date of their initial appointment by granting the arrears along with interest (@9% p.a. in the interest of justice and fair play."*

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1 *Whether reporters of the local papers may be allowed to see the judgment? yes*

3. It is an admitted position that the “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***[2]. It is also a matter of record that ***State of Himachal Pradesh & Anr. Vs. Devinder Kumar & Ors.***[3] 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.

In view of above, but without examining the merits of the matter, the present petition is disposed of with direction to the respondents to consider the case of the petitioner for the grant of relief prayed for by him, in accordance with the time-line indicated by the Hon’ble Apex Court. The petitioner is at liberty to seek appropriate remedy for the redressal of his surviving grievances, if any, at an appropriate stage, in case, necessity so arises, in future. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

25th November, 2026(rohit)

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[2] CWP No. 3361 of 2025 decided alonwith connected matters on 25.04.2026
[3] Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 24885/2026 decided on 29.07.2026