IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No. 18513 of 2026 and connected matters

Decided on: 27.10.2026

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1. CWP No. 18513 of 2026

Neeraj Kumar and Ors .....Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. and Ors. ......Respondents

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2. CWP No. 18777 of 2026

Prem Paul .....Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Ors. ......Respondents

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3. CWP No. 18768 of 2026

Prakash Devi .....Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Anr. ......Respondents

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4. CWP No. 18803 of 2026

Ravinder Singh and Ors .....Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. and Ors. ......Respondents

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5. CWP No. 18762 of 2026

Ram Krishan and Ors .....Petitioners

Versus

State of HP and Anr. . ...Respondents

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6. CWP No. 18870 of 2026

Ashish Kumar and Anr .....Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. and ors. .....Respondents

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua, *Judge*.

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the petitioners: **M/s Ganesh Barowalia, Aashish Kumar, Vaibhav Tanwar and Mr. Prashant Manhans Advocates in the respective writ petitions**

For the respondents/State: **Ms. Seema Sharma, Deputy Advocate General**

***Jyotsna Rewal Dua*, J.**

Petitioners seek a direction to the respondents to count their contract services for the purpose of annual increments, seniority, promotion and all other consequential benefits. They seek applicability of the judgment rendered in ***Taj Mohammad and others Versus The State of Himachal Pradesh and others***[2]**.**

2. 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

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

[2] *CWP No.2004 of 2017* decided alongwith connected matter on 03.08.2023.

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.

3. In view of above, the present petitions are disposed of, at this stage, with direction to the respondents to pass consideration order, in accordance with the time-line indicated by the Hon'ble Apex Court. The petitioners are at liberty to seek appropriate remedy for the redressal of their surviving grievances, if any, at an appropriate stage, in case, necessity so arises.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

October 27, 2026 **(R.Atal)**

[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