IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No. 19311 of 2026 and connected matters
Decided on: 30.10.2026

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1. CWP No.19311 of 2026

Raj Pal **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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2. CWP No.19243 of 2026

Dharam Chand **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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3. CWP No.19308 of 2026

Ritu Bhardwaj **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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4. CWP No.19242 of 2026

Ramesh Kumar **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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5. CWP No.19091 of 2026

Roop Lal **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the Petitioners: Ms. Anuja Mehta and Mr. Sudhanshu Sharma, Advocate, in the respective writ petitions.

For the Respondents: Ms. Seema Sharma, Deputy Advocate General.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge

Notice. Ms. Seema Sharma, learned Deputy Advocate General, appears and waives service of notice on behalf of the respondents in all the writ petitions.

2. In view of the grievance of the petitioners and the nature of order being passed hereinafter, there is no necessity to call for reply from the respondents. Matters have accordingly been heard at this stage.

3. Petitioners' grievance is that in terms of office memorandums issued on 02.03.2024, 16.10.2024 and 15.10.2025, arrears on account of Dearness Allowance (DA) are admissible to them w.e.f. 01.07.2022, yet these have not been released to them. Petitioners seek release of DA arrears w.e.f. 01.07.2022. Petitioners have also alleged

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

discrimination citing notifications dated 10.10.2024 (Annexure P-9) and 03.02.2026 (Annexure P-10), whereunder, a specific category of State Government employees has been extended the Dearness Allowance at Central Government rates from the due dates. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have submitted representation at Annexure P-11 to the competent authorities for the redressal of their grievances, however, the same have not been decided till date. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioners would be content in case the respondents/competent authority(s) are directed to decide the aforesaid representations in accordance with law within a fixed time schedule. Learned Additional Advocate General is not averse to this prayer.

4. Keeping in view the grievance of the petitioners, which is based upon respondents' office memorandums dated 02.03.2024, 16.10.2024 & 15.10.2025; the fact that petitioners' representations dated 18.05.2026 (Annexure P-11) are pending in that regard and having regard to the afore-submissions, but without examining the matter on merits, these writ petitions are disposed of with a direction to respondents No.1 and 2/ competent authority to consider and decide the aforesaid representations seeking

release of five pending instalments of Dearness Allowance and DA arrears statedly due to the petitioner w.e.f. 01.07.2022 in accordance with law keeping in view the aforesaid office memorandums, within a period of six weeks from today. The decision so arrived at shall also be communicated to the petitioners. In case the Dearness Allowance and five instalments of DA arrears are admissible to the petitioners, as claimed by them, the same be also released within the aforesaid period.

Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

October 30, 2026
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