IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH SHIMLA

CWP No. 19764 of 2026 along with connected matters.
Decided on : 5th November, 2026

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1. CWP No. 19764 2026

Shubham Deep & Ors. **...Petitioners.**

Versus

State of H.P. ....**Respondent.**

2. CWP No. 19767 of 2026

Manpreet Singh **...Petitioner.**

Versus

State of H.P. & Anr. ....**Respondents.**

3. CWP No. 19863 of 2026

Suresh Kumar **...Petitioner.**

Versus

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

Coram:

Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge.

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the Petitioners: Mr. Gurmeet Bhardwaj, Advocate, Mr. Mandeep Chandel, Advocate, Mr. Khem Raj, Advocate and Mr. Nitin Rishi, Advocate.

For the respondents: Ms. Menka Raj Chauhan, Advocate, for respondents-State.

Ms. Shrutika Chauhan, Advocate, for respondents No.2 and 3 in CWP No.19863 of 2026.

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

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge.

Notice. Ms. Menka Raj Chauhan, learned Deputy Advocate General and Ms. Shrutika Chauhan, learned counsel appear and waives service of notice on behalf of respondents-State and respondent-HRTC, respectively.

2. With the consent of learned counsel for the parties, the matters are heard at this stage.

3. 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 decision rendered in ***Taj Mohammad and others Versus The State of Himachal Pradesh and others***[2].

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***[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

[2] CWP No.2004 of 2017 decided alongwith connected matter on 03.08.2023.
[3] CWP No. 3361 of 2025 decided alonwith connected matters on 25.04.2026
[4] Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 24885/2026 decided on 29.07.2026

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, without examining the merits of the matters, the present petitions are disposed of with direction to the respondents to consider the cases of the petitioners for the grant of relief prayed for by them, 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, in future. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

5th November, 2026.
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