IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.17164 of 2026 alongwith connected matters

Decided on: 6th October, 2026

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1. CWP No.17164 of 2026

Archana **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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2. CWP No.17183 of 2026

Pawan Kumar and another **.....Petitioners**

Versus

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

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3. CWP No.17191 of 2026

Seema Devi and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

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

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4. CWP No.17052 of 2026

Rohtash **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

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

For the Petitioners: Ms. Mamta Garg, Advocate and Mr. Abhay Gupta, Advocate vice Mr. Saurav Thakur, Advocate, in the respective petitions.

For the Respondents: Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocate General with Ms. Seema Sharma, Deputy Advocate General.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge

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].

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 ***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

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

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 writ petitions are disposed of at this stage with direction to the respondents to pass consideration order in accordance with the timeline 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.

The writ petitions stand disposed of in the above terms, so also the pending miscellaneous application(s), if any.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

October 06, 2026
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