IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.19750 of 2026 alongwith connected matters

Decided on: 5th November, 2026

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1. CWP No.19750 of 2026

Saurabh Banyal and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

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

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2. CWP No.19785 of 2026

Manu Kaushal **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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3. CWP No.19819 of 2026

Mast Ram and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

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

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4. CWP No.19875 of 2026

Anju Bala and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

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

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5. CWP No.19883 of 2026

Dheeraj Verma and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

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

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6. CWP No.19891 of 2026

Vivek Kumar Sharma **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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7. CWP No.20021 of 2026

Atul Katoch **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the Petitioners: M/s Tim Saran, Praveen Chauhan, Tek Chand, Sanjeev Kumar Motta and Abhishek Nagta, in the respective petitions.

For the Respondents: Mr. Y.P.S. Dhaulta, Additional 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].

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

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

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 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.

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[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

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

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

November 05, 2026
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