IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA
COPC No.1421 of 2026
Decided on: 28th October, 2026

Sushma Devi and others ....Petitioners

Versus

Rakesh Kanwar and others ...Respondents

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**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jiya Lal Bhardwaj, Judge**
*Whether approved for reporting?*[1]

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| For the petitioners: | Ms. Mamta Garg, Advocate. |
| For the respondents: | Mr. Amandeep Sharma, Additional Advocate General. |

**Jiya Lal Bhardwaj, Judge** *(Oral)*

Learned Additional Advocate General has produced instructions dated 22.10.2026 and copy of office order dated 02.06.2026 passed by the Director, Directorate of School Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-17001, which are taken on record.

2. A perusal of the aforesaid office order reveals that the representations of the petitioners have been examined on the analogy of CWP No.1638 of 2024, titled, ***Mohit Sharma and another vs. State of H.P. and others*** and the petitioners have been allowed higher pay scale in the concerned level of pay matrix after completion of two years of regular service, subject to the final outcome of LPA filed by the State in ***Mohit Sharma's*** case. The

[1] *Whether reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgment?*

DDOs concerned have been directed to fix the pay of the petitioners and release the arrear.

3. This Court while disposing of the writ petition on 27.02.2026 had only directed the respondents to decide the representations filed by the petitioners in the light of averments made therein. Once the Director, Directorate of School Education, Himachal Pradesh has passed the aforesaid office order and the petitioners have been allowed the higher pay scale in the concerned level of pay matrix after completion of two years of regular service, subject to final outcome of LPA filed by the State in ***Mohit Sharma's*** case, the mandate contained in the judgment has duly been complied with and as such contempt notices issued to the respondents are discharged. However, since the petitioners have been held entitled to the benefits, in case, the arrears on account of allowing higher pay scale is not released in favour of the petitioners within a period of eight weeks from today, they shall be at liberty to avail an appropriate remedy in accordance with law.

4. The contempt petition is accordingly disposed of. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

**28th October, 2026**
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**( Jiya Lal Bhardwaj )**
**Judge**