IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.17395 of 2026

Decided on: 5th October, 2026

Balbir Singh and another **.....Petitioners**

Versus

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

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the Petitioners: Mr. Narendra Guleria, Advocate.

For the Respondents: Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocate General with Ms. Menka Raj Chauhan, Deputy Advocate General.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge

Ms. Menka Raj Chauhan, learned Deputy Advocate General, appears and waives service of notice on behalf of the respondents.

2. Petitioners feel aggrieved against order dated 16.06.2025 (Annexure P-4), whereby respondent No.2 has turned down their cases in view of "Himachal Pradesh Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Government Employees Act, 2024". They seek applicability of the

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

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

3. 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.

4. In view of the above, the present writ petition is disposed of by quashing the impugned order dated 16.06.2025 (Annexure P-4) qua the petitioners, with direction to the respondents to consider the respective cases of the petitioners afresh for grant of the relief prayed for by them, in accordance with the timeline indicated by

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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 alongwith connected matters on 25.04.2026
[4] Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).24885/2026

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

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

October 05, 2026
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