IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.19918 of 2026 alongwith connected matters

Decided on: 18th November, 2026

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1. CWP No.19918 of 2026

Manjeet Kaur **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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2. CWP No.19946 of 2026

Rakesh Kumar **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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3. CWP No.19957 of 2026

Binta Devi **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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4. CWP No.19958 of 2026

Barsha Mahajan **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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5. CWP No.19965 of 2026

Dimple Kumar **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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6. CWP No.20251 of 2026

Kesang Wangchuk and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

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

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7. CWP No.20320 of 2026

Devender Singh **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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8. CWP No.20322 of 2026

Sanjay Kumar **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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9. CWP No.20441 of 2026

Ira Kanwar and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

The Chief Secretary and others **.....Respondents**

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the Petitioners: M/s Vaibhav Tanwar, Naresh K. Sharma, Himanshu Kapila, Aashish Kumar, Jai Dev Thakur, Ajay Thakur and Indu Katoch vice Mohan Singh, Advocates, in the respective petitions.

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

For the Respondents: Mr. Y.P.S. Dhaulta, Additional Advocate General with Ms. Menka Raj Chauhan, 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 dismissing the appeal, the Hon'ble Apex Court granted four

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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

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

November 18, 2026
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