IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No. 19107 of 2026 and connected matters

Decided on: 30.10.2026

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1. CWP No. 19107 of 2026

Rubal Sharma and Ors .....Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. and Anr. ......Respondents

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2. CWP No. 19125 of 2026

Sushma Devi and Anr .....Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. and Ors. ......Respondents

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3. CWP No. 19114 of 2026

Sanjeev Kumar .....Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Anr. ......Respondents

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4. CWP No. 19122 of 2026

Mohinder Singh and Anr .....Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. and Ors. ......Respondents

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5. CWP No. 19197 of 2026

Anita Gazta .....Petitioner

Versus

State of HP and Ors. ......Respondents

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6. CWP No. 19211 of 2026

Tajveer Singh .....Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Anr. ......Respondents

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7. CWP No. 19178 of 2026

Lokender Sharma .....Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Anr. ......Respondents 6.

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8. CWP No. 19230 of 2026

Amrita Kumari .....Petitioner

Versus

State of HP and Anr. ......Respondents

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9. CWP No. 19236 of 2026

Kiran and Ors .....Petitioners

Versus

State of HP and Anr. ......Respondents

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10. CWP No. 19249 of 2026

Ganga Singh .....Petitioner

Versus

State of HP and Anr. ......Respondents

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11 CWP No. 19081 of 2026

Lalita .....Petitioner

Versus

State of HP and Anr. ......Respondents

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12. CWP No. 19240 of 2026

Jagdish Kumar .....Petitioner

Versus

State of HP and Anr. ……Respondents

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13. CWP No. 19168 of 2026

Rajender Kumar .....Petitioner

Versus

State of HP and Ors ……Respondents

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14. CWP No. 19179 of 2026

Gagan Jeet .....Petitioner

Versus

State of HP and Anr. ……Respondents

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua, *Judge.*

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the petitioners: **M/s Abhishek Nagta,Prashant Manhans, Manohar Lal Sharma, Sanjeev K Motta, Mamta Garg, Aashish Kumar, Vaibhav Tanwar, Gurmeet Bhjardwaj, Vinay Mehta and Rajinder Thakur , Advocates in the respective writ petitions**

For the respondents/State: **Ms. Menka Raj Chauhan, Deputy Advocate General.**

Mr. Rajesh Kosh, Advocate, for respondent No.3 in CWP No. 19168 of 2026 and Mr.

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[1] *Whether reporters of the local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?*

Prashant Sharma, Advocate, for respondent No.2 in CWP No. 19179 of 2026

***Jyotsna Rewal Dua*, J.**

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 judgment 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

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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

Court granted four months' time to the State Government to do the needful in terms of the judgment.

3. In view of above, without examining the merits of the matters, the present petitions are disposed of, at this stage, with direction to the respondents to pass consideration order, in accordance with the time-line 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.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

October 30, 2026 **(R.Atal)**