**IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA**

**CWP No. 16317/2026**
**Decided on: 27.10.2026**

---

Balam Ram .....Petitioner

Versus

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

---

**Coram**
**Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua**
**Whether approved for reporting?[1]**

For the petitioner: Mr. Bhupinder Thakur, Advocate.

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

---

**Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge**

Following order was passed in the matter on 22.09.2026 with respect to petitioner's claim that the death-cum-retirement gratuity amounting to Rs.3,37,824/- had not been received by him:

> *"Notice. Mr. Y.P.S. Dhaulta, learned Additional Advocate General and Mr. Rajesh Kosh, learned counsel, appear and waive service of notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4 and respondent No.5, respectively.*
>
> *The case set up by the petitioner is that upon his retirement on 31.08.2024, though all retiral benefits have been released by the respondents to him, but Death-cumRetirement Gratuity amounting to Rs.3,37,824/- has still not been released.*
>
> *Perusal of Annexure P-3, dated 22.01.2026, gives the impression that there is some objection raised by the office of respondent No.5 and request has been made accordingly to the respondent-Forest Department for settling the case in order to take further necessary action in the matter.*
>
> *Let the respondent-Forest Department and office of respondent No.5 to resolve the pending issues in*

---

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

*order to release admissible gratuity to the petitioner by the next date.*

*List on 27.10.2026.*

*In view of above order, CMP No.24273 of 2026 to stand disposed of."*

2. Pursuant to the above, learned Deputy Advocate General has placed on record instructions dated 22.10.2026 from the Conservator of Forests, Wildlife Forest Circle, Mandi, conveying, *inter alia*, that the entire sanctioned DCRG amount of Rs. 3,37,824/- stood released to the petitioner vide office order dated 14.08.2026.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner acknowledges receipt of the aforesaid DCRG amount by the petitioner.

4. In view of the above, the grievance raised by the petitioner in the present writ petition does not survive. Accordingly, the writ petition stands disposed of. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

27th October, 2026 *rohit*