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

CWP No. 18546/2026 a/w connected matters
Decided on: 26.10.2026

1. **CWP No. 18546/2026**

Kamal Singh Rana & Ors. …Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors. ….Respondents.

2. **CWP No. 18675/2026**

Natinder Singh …Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Anr. ….Respondents

3. **CWP No. 18677/2026**

Sandeep Kumar …Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Anr. ….Respondents

4. **CWP No. 18685/2026**

Archana Kumari …Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Anr. ….Respondents

5. **CWP No. 18621/2026**

Karan Rana …Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors. ….Respondents

6. **CWP No. 18597/2026**

Akhil Agnihotri …Petitioner

Versus

HRTC & Ors. ….Respondents

7. **CWP No. 18587/2026**

Yogesh …Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors. ….Respondents

8. **CWP No. 18552/2026**

Jatinder Kumar & Ors. …Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. & Anr. ….Respondents

9. **CWP No. 18635/2026**

Priyanka Kumari & Anr. …Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. & Anr. ….Respondents

10. **CWP No. 18588/2026**

Kartar Singh …Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors. ….Respondents

11. **CWP No. 18603/2026**

Manohar Lal & Ors. …Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors. ….Respondents

12. **CWP No. 18948/2026**

Ajeet Kumar …Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors. ….Respondents

13. **CWP No. 18942/2026**

Sunil …Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors. ….Respondents

14. **CWP No. 18957/2026**

Akshay Kumar Sharma …Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Anr. ….Respondents

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge.

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the petitioner:	**M/s Mandeep Chandel, C.D. Negi, Ashwani Kondal, Santosh Kumar, Vaibhav Tanwar, Mukul Sood, for the petitioners in the respective petitions.**
For the respondents:	**Ms. Seema Sharma, Deputy Advocate General & Mr. Virender Singh Kanwar, for the respondents in the respective petitions.**

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

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

[2] CWP No.2004 of 2017 decided alongwith connected matter on 03.08.2023.

2. It is an admitted position that the "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.

In view of above, these present petitions are disposed of with direction to the respondents to consider the cases of the petitioners for the grant of relief prayed for by them, 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, in future. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

26th October, 2026(rohit)

[3] CWP No. 3361 of 2025 decided alonwith connected matters on 25.04.2026
[4] Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 24885/2026 decided on 29.07.2026