IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.20493 of 2026 alongwith connected matters

Decided on: 19th November, 2026

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1. CWP No.20493 of 2026

Bikram Singh **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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2. CWP No.20549 of 2026

Pooja **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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3. CWP No.20552 of 2026

Vinod Kumar Aryan and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

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

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4. CWP No.20554 of 2026

Hem Parkash **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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5. CWP No.20557 of 2026

Dinesh Thakur **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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6. CWP No.20559 of 2026

Rajeev Dhiman **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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7. CWP No.20565 of 2026

Punam Kumari **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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8. CWP No.20566 of 2026

Rajat Sharma **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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9. CWP No.20570 of 2026

Sushma Kumari and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

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

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10. CWP No.20571 of 2026

Rajni Sharma and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

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

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11. CWP No.20575 of 2026

Vinod Singh and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

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

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12. CWP No.20618 of 2026

Devi Singh **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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13. CWP No.20624 of 2026

Mukesh Kumar **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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14. CWP No.20645 of 2026

Hemlata **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the Petitioners: M/s Praveen Thakur, Surila Sangam, Vivek Thakur, Sanjeev Kumar Motta, Rajat Kumar, Mamta Garg, M.A. Safee, Pranav Kaushal and Anuja Mehta vice Munish Kumar, Advocates, in the respective petitions.

For the Respondents: Mr. L.N. Sharma, Additional Advocate General with Ms. Seema Sharma and Ms. Menka Raj Chauhan, Deputy Advocates General.

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

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

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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

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 19, 2026
Mukesh