IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.19894 of 2026

Decided on: 5th November, 2026

Dev Raj Thakur **.....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 Petitioner: Mr. Mandeep Chandel, Advocate.

For the Respondents: Mr. Y.P.S. Dhaulta, Additional Advocate General, for respondent No.1.

Mr. Vinod K. Gupta, Advocate, for respondents No.2 to 4.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge

Notice. Mr. Y.P.S. Dhaulta, learned Additional Advocate General and Mr. Vinod K. Gupta, learned counsel, appear and waive service of notice on behalf of the respective respondents.

2. In view of the grievance of the petitioner and the nature of order being passed hereinafter, there is no necessity to call for reply from the respondents. Matter has accordingly been heard at this stage.

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

3. Petitioner's grievance is that in terms of office memorandums issued on 02.03.2024, 16.10.2024 and 15.10.2025, arrears on account of Dearness Allowance (DA) are admissible to her w.e.f. 01.07.2022, yet these have not been released to him. Petitioner seeks release of DA arrears w.e.f. 01.07.2022. Petitioner has also alleged discrimination citing notifications dated 10.10.2024 and 03.02.2026, whereunder, a specific category of State Government employees has been extended the Dearness Allowance at Central Government rates from the due dates. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has submitted representation at Annexure P-8 to the competent authority for the redressal of his grievances, however, the same has not been decided till date. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner would be content in case the respondents/competent authority(s) are directed to decide the aforesaid representation in accordance with law within a fixed time schedule. Learned counsel appearing for the respondents are not averse to this prayer.

4. Keeping in view the grievance of the petitioner, which is based upon respondents' office memorandums dated 02.03.2024, 16.10.2024 & 15.10.2025; the fact that petitioner's representation (Annexure P-8) is pending in that

regard and having regard to the afore-submissions, but without examining the matter on merits, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents/competent authority to consider and decide the aforesaid representation seeking release of five pending instalments of Dearness Allowance and DA arrears statedly due to the petitioner w.e.f. 01.07.2022 in accordance with law keeping in view the aforesaid office memorandums, within a period of six weeks from today. The decision so arrived at shall also be communicated to the petitioner. In case the Dearness Allowance and five instalments of DA arrears are admissible to the petitioner, as claimed by him, the same be also released within the aforesaid period.

The writ petition stands disposed of in the above terms, so also the pending miscellaneous application(s), if any.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

November 05, 2026
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