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

**CWP No. 21017 of 2026 and connected matters**

**Decided on: 25.11.2026**

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**1. CWP No. 21017 of 2026**

**Kewal Kumar .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**2. CWP No. 21022 of 2026**

**Priyanka .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

**State of HP & Ors. ......Respondents**

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**3. CWP No. 21021 of 2026**

**Sachidanand Sharma Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**4. CWP No. 21020 of 2026**

**Kapil Devi .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**5. CWP No. 21019 of 2026**

**Inder Dev .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**6. CWP No. 21018 of 2026**

**Indu Bala and Ors .....Petitioners**

**Versus**

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

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**7. CWP No. 21062 of 2026**

**Parvesh Kumari .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**8. CWP No. 21063 of 2026**

**Dev Raj Verma and anr .....Petitioners**

**Versus**

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

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**9. CWP No. 21064 of 2026**

**Dinesh Thakur and Ors .....Petitioners**

**Versus**

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

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**10. CWP No. 21065 of 2026**

**Rohit Saini and Ors .....Petitioners**

**Versus**

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

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**11. CWP No. 21072 of 2026**

**Monika Kumari .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**12. CWP No. 21073 of 2026**

**Sudha Rani and Ors .....Petitioners**

**Versus**

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

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**13. CWP No. 21069 of 2026**

**Vineeta Verma .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**14. CWP No. 21068 of 2026**

**Seema Devi .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**15. CWP No. 21061 of 2026**

**Tapender Singh .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**16. CWP No. 21067 of 2026**

**Jaimanti Thakur .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**17. CWP No. 21066 of 2026**

**Kalpana .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**18. CWP No. 21059 of 2026**

**Kumari Shalu .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**19. CWP No. 21058 of 2026**

**Som Dutt .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**20. CWP No. 21057 of 2026**

**Kiran Bala .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**21. CWP No. 21056 of 2026**

**Neeta Ram .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**22. CWP No. 21055 of 2026**

**Sunil Chauhan .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**23. CWP No. 21054 of 2026**

**Deepika .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**24. CWP No. 21053 of 2026**

**Sachin Mehra .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**25. CWP No. 21048 of 2026**

**Meenakshi Thakur and Ors .....Petitioners**

**Versus**

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

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**26. CWP No. 21049 of 2026**

**Reena Kaushal .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**27. CWP No. 21085 of 2026**

**Satish Kumar .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**28. CWP No. 21088 of 2026**

**Dr. Ashwani Bhardwaj .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**29. CWP No. 20955 of 2026**

**Devender Singh .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**30. CWP No. 21026 of 2026**

**Akshay Jaswal and Anr .....Petitioners**

**Versus**

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

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**31. CWP No. 20914 of 2026**

**Priyanka Dhanj and Ors .....Petitioners**

**Versus**

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

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**32. CWP No. 20829 of 2026**

**Praveen Kumar .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

**HPSEBL and anr. ......Respondents**

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**33. CWP No. 20828 of 2026**

**Harish Kumar .....Petitioner**

**Versus**

**HPSEBL and anr. ......Respondents**

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**34. CWP No. 20825 of 2026**

**Minakshi Thakur and Ors .....Petitioners**

**Versus**

**HPSEBL . ......Respondent**

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**35. CWP No. 20950 of 2026**

**Manoj Kumar and Ors .....Petitioners**

**Versus**

**HPSEBL and Ors. ......Respondents**

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***Coram***
**Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua*, Judge.***

**Whether approved for reporting?**[1]

**For the petitioners:** **M/s Bonit Thakur vice Mr. A.K.Gupta, Mamta Garg, M.A.Safee, Saurav Sharma,**

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

**Anita Devi, Santosh Kumar, Vaibhav Tanwar, Anchal Sharma, Yogesh K Chandel, Suchita Kaintura, Devender K Sharma and Archna Dutt, Advocates in the respective writ petitions**

**For the respondents/State:** **Mr. Y.P.S.Dhaulta, Additional Advocate General. Mr. Rahul Thakur, Mr. Virender Singh Kanwar and Mr. Rajesh Kashyap, Advocates for the respondents-HPSEBL in the respective writ petitions.**

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***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 &***

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

***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.

**3.** In view of above, but 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**

**November 25, 2026** **(R.Atal)**

[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