IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH SHIMLA

CWP No. 19044 of 2026 along with connected matters.
Decided on : 29th October, 2026

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1. CWP No. 19044 of 2026

Neelam Thakur & Ors. **...Petitioners.**

Versus

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

2. CWP No. 19049 of 2026

Parvati Devi **...Petitioner.**

Versus

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

3. CWP No. 19050 of 2026

Khube Ram **...Petitioner.**

Versus

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

4. CWP No. 19062 of 2026

Umesh Kumar **...Petitioner.**

Versus

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

5. CWP No. 19063 of 2026

Virender Kumar & Ors. **...Petitioner.**

Versus

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

6. CWP No. 19064 of 2026

Sheela Devi **...Petitioner.**

Versus

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

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7. CWP No. 19065 of 2026

Kewal Krishan **...Petitioner.**

Versus

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

Coram:

Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge.

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the Petitioners: Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Motta, Advocate, Mr. M.A. Safee, Advocate, Mr. Pranav Kaushal, Advocate, Mr. Sameer Miyan, Advocate.

For the respondents: Mr. L. N. Sharma, Additional Advocate General for the respondents-State.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge.

Notice. Mr. L. N. Sharma, learned Additional Advocate General appears and waives service of notice on behalf of respondents-State.

2. With the consent of learned counsel for the parties, the matters are heard at this stage.

3. 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?
[2] CWP No.2004 of 2017 decided alongwith connected matter on 03.08.2023.

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.

4. In view of above, without examining the merits of the matters, the 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

29th October, 2026.
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[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