IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.19871 of 2026 alongwith
CWP No.19873 of 2026

Decided on: 5th November, 2026

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1. CWP No.19871 of 2026

Anita **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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2. CWP No.19873 of 2026

Priyanka **.....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: Mr. Hitesh Bali, Advocate.

For the Respondents: Mr. Y.P.S. Dhaulta, Additional Advocate General.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge

Notice. Mr. Y.P.S. Dhaulta, learned Additional Advocate General, appears and waives service of notice on behalf of the respondents.

2. Petitioners preferred representations (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2-the Director Health Services,

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

Himachal Pradesh, seeking applicability of ***Inder Singh Thakur & Ors. Versus State of H.P. & Ors.***[2]. Even though the representations were preferred to respondent No.2, however, the same were decided by respondent No.3 and rejected on 23.05.2026 (Annexure P-4).

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that respondent No.3 had no jurisdiction to decide the representations of the petitioners seeking higher pay scale in light of *Inder Singh*[2]. That apart, office orders dated 23.05.2026 do not even discuss the implication of *Inder Singh*[2] vis-à-vis the factual position of the case of the petitioners.

4. In view of this, the impugned rejection by respondent No.3 of the cases of the petitioners seeking applicability of *Inder Singh*[2], i.e. Annexure P-4, dated 23.05.2026, cannot be held to be in order. Therefore, notwithstanding the impugned decision at Annexure P-4, dated 23.05.2026, these writ petitions are disposed of with direction to respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representations of the petitioners (Annexure P-3) afresh in accordance with law and keeping in view the decision rendered in *Inder Singh*[2] within a period of six weeks from

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[2] CWP No.4830 of 2023, decided alongwith connected matter on 07.04.2025

today. The decision so arrived at shall also be communicated to the petitioners.

The writ petitions stand 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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