IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No. 18913 of 2026 and connected matters

Decided on: 28.10.2026

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1. CWP No. 18913 of 2026

Jaswanti Devi .....Petitioner

Versus

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

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2. CWP No. 18914 of 2026

Vinay Kumari .....Petitioner

Versus

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

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3. CWP No. 18915 of 2026

Pratima Devi .....Petitioners

Versus

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

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4. CWP No. 18931 of 2026

Jag Mohan and Ors .....Petitioners

Versus

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

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5. CWP No. 18932 of 2026

Soni Bhandari .....Petitioner

Versus

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

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6. CWP No. 18933 of 2026

Prem Manju .....Petitioner

Versus

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

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7. CWP No. 18925 of 2026

Adarsh Sharma .....Petitioner

Versus

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

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua, *Judge.*

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the petitioners:	**M/s C.D. Negi and Mukul Sood Advocates in the respective writ petitions**
For the respondents :	**Mr. L.N.Sharma, Additional Advocate General**

***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***

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

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.

3. In view of above, 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.

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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

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

October 28, 2026 **(R.Atal)**