IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.17584 of 2026

Decided on: 7th October, 2026

Urmila Sharma **.....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. Devender K. Sharma, Advocate.

For the Respondents: Ms. Menka Raj Chauhan, Deputy Advocate General.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge

Notice. Ms. Menka Raj Chauhan, learned Deputy Advocate General, appears and waives service of notice on behalf of the 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.

3. Petitioner's grievance is that in terms of office memorandums issued on 02.03.2024, 16.10.2024 and

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

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 her. Petitioner seeks release of DA arrears w.e.f. 01.07.2022. Petitioner has also alleged discrimination citing notifications dated 10.10.2024 (Annexure P-9) and 03.02.2026 (Annexure P-10), 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-11 to the competent authority for the redressal of her 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 Deputy Advocate General is 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-11) 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 respondents No.1 and 2/ 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 her, 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

October 07, 2026
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