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

**CWP No. 18461 of 2026.**
**Decided on : 26th October, 2026**

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Kuldeep Singh **...Petitioner.**

Versus

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

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***Coram:***

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

*Whether approved for reporting?*[1]

**For the Petitioner:** Ms. Shalini Thakur, Mr. Praveen Chandel and Mr. Sahil Singh Thakur, Advocates.

**For the respondents:** Mr. L. N. Sharma, Additional Advocate General for respondent No.1.
Ms. Neelam Kaplas, Advocate, for respondent No.2.

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**Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge.**

Notice. Mr. L. N. Sharma, learned Additional Advocate General and Ms. Neelam Kaplas, learned counsel appear and waive service of notice on behalf of respondents No.1 and 2, respectively.

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

3. The petitioner is serving as Junior Office Assistant (IT), in respondent No. 2. His representation for considering contractual service for the purpose of promotion was rejected by respondent No.2 on 14.02.2024 (Annexure P-3), primarily for the reason that there was no such

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

provision in the contractual policy of the State Government, as also in the applicable Recruitment and Promotion Rules. The petitioner has preferred this writ petition seeking applicability of ***Taj Mohammad and others Versus The State of Himachal Pradesh and others***[2] for claiming the aforesaid relief. His grievance is that his representation (Annexure P-5) preferred in this regard has not been considered and decided in view of *Taj Mohammad*[2].

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, the present petition is disposed of with direction to the respondents to consider the case of the petitioner afresh notwithstanding the rejection order dated 14.02.2024 (Annexure P-3) for the grant of relief prayed for by him, in accordance with the time-line

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

indicated by the Hon'ble Apex Court. The petitioner is at liberty to seek appropriate remedy for the redressal of his 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**

**26th October, 2026.**
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