IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH SHIMLA

CWP No. 17892 of 2026.
Decided on : 8th October, 2026

Raghubir Singh **...Petitioner.**

Versus

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

Coram:

Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge.

Whether approved for reporting?[1]
For the Petitioner: Mr. Parkash Sharma, Advocate.
For the respondents: Mr. Deepak Sharma, Advocate.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge.

This writ petition has been filed for the grant of following substantive relief:

> *"(i) That respondent No.1 may kindly be directed to consider and decide the review petition dated 21.04.2016 at Annexure P-3, of petitioner, within a time bound manner."*

2. Petitioner's grievance was noticed as under in the order passed in this writ petition on 07.10.2026:-

> *"Notice. Mr. Deepak Sharma, learned counsel, appears and waives service of notice on behalf of the respondents.*
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> *Disciplinary proceedings were initiated against the petitioner. The disciplinary authority passed the order on 17.01.2009, imposing penalty of reduction in pay by two stages for a period of five years, having the effect of postponement of future increments of petitioner's pay. Appeal preferred by the petitioner was dismissed on 04.08.2009. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that review/revision was preferred by the*

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

petitioner on 21.04.2016 against the above orders, but the same has not been decided till date.

Let learned counsel for the respondents to have instructions in the matter.

List on 08.10.2026."

3. Pursuant to above order, learned counsel for the respondents has placed on record office instructions. Relevant portion whereof reads as under:-

"It is submitted that Sh. Ragubir Singh, Inspector, has filed above-mentioned writ petition No-17892/2026 before the Hon'ble High Court, wherein he has sought a direction to consider and decide the appeal/ review petition dated 21.04.2016 preferred by him against the penalty order passed by the DM, HRTC, Shimla and the case has been fixed for hearing on 08.10.2026

In this regard, it is submitted that the appeal/ review petition dated 21.04.2016 could not be traced in this office. A copy of the same has now been received as an annexure to the above writ petition, and the matter is being examined by this office.

Therefore, it is requested that the above facts may kindly be brought to the Hon'ble High Court, so that the correct position may be placed before the Hon'ble court and appropriate time may be sought for deciding the appeal/ review petition."

4. In view of above office instructions, without examining the merits of the matter and keeping the issues of delay, laches, etc. open, this writ petition is disposed of with directions to respondent No.1/competent authority to consider and decide the review petition preferred by the petitioner in accordance with law within six weeks from today.

5. With the above observations, the writ petition to stand disposed of. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also to stand disposed of.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

8th October, 2026.
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