IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.20783 of 2026 alongwith connected matters

Decided on: 23rd November, 2026

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1. CWP No.20783 of 2026

Ashwani Kumar **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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2. CWP No.20787 of 2026

Tejinder Kaur **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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3. CWP No.20789 of 2026

Mohit Kalyan **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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4. CWP No.20790 of 2026

Dr. Manjit Sehgal **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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5. CWP No.20791 of 2026

Rohan Thakur **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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6. CWP No.20795 of 2026

Rittu Raj and another **.....Petitioners**

Versus

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

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7. CWP No.20798 of 2026

Pravinder Kumar **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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8. CWP No.20800 of 2026

Mahender Singh **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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9. CWP No.20803 of 2026

Rajeev Chauhan **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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10. CWP No.20804 of 2026

Amita Kumari **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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11. CWP No.20805 of 2026

Ushma Kumari **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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12. CWP No.20807 of 2026

Sanjeev Kumar and another **.....Petitioners**

Versus

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

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13. CWP No.20808 of 2026

Giri Raj Kashyap **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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14. CWP No.20810 of 2026

Priya Atri **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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15. CWP No.20811 of 2026

Manoj Kumar **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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16. CWP No.20812 of 2026

Rekha Sharma **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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17. CWP No.20813 of 2026

Vinod Chand and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

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

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18. CWP No.20814 of 2026

Tilak Raj **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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19. CWP No.20817 of 2026

Tashi Tandup **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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20. CWP No.20819 of 2026

Chanderkanta and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

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

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21. CWP No.20835 of 2026

Raj Kumari **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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22. CWP No.20853 of 2026

Ravi Kant Thakur and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

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

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23. CWP No.20864 of 2026

Akshit Kumar Thakur and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

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

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24. CWP No.20902 of 2026

Ravi Singh **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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25. CWP No.20905 of 2026

Rajender and another **.....Petitioners**

Versus

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

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26. CWP No.20906 of 2026

Chaman Lal and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

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

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27. CWP No.20920 of 2026

Nisha Kumari **.....Petitioner**

Versus

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

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the Petitioners: M/s Vijay Bir Singh, Mukul Sood, Lalit Kumar Sehgal, Anshul Jairath, Vikrant, Akanksha Bhardwaj, Aashish Kumar, Surila Sangam, Mandeep Chandel,

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

Munish Kumar, Khem Raj, Devender K. Sharma, Nikhil Katwal, Jai Ram Sharma, Yogesh K. Chandel, Suresh Singh Saini and Tim Saran, Advocates, in the respective petitions.

For the Respondents: Mr. Y.P.S. Dhaulta and Mr. L.N. Sharma, Additional Advocates General with Ms. Seema Sharma, Deputy Advocate General, for the respondents-State.

Mr. Prashant Sharma, Advocate, for respondent No.2 in CWP Nos.20798 & 20803 of 2026.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge

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 decision rendered in ***Taj 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***

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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

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 writ petitions are disposed of at this stage with direction to the respondents to pass consideration order in accordance with the timeline 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.

The writ petitions stand disposed of in the above terms, so also the pending miscellaneous application(s), if any.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

November 23, 2026
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[4] Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 24885/2026