IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH AT SHIMLA

CWP No.17870 of 2026

Decided on: 05.11.2026

Manoj Kumar ....Petitioner

Versus

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

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua

[1] *Whether approved for reporting?*

For the petitioner: Mr. Manohar Lal Sharma, Advocate.

For the respondents: Mr. Sikandar Bhushan, Deputy Advocate General for respondent No.1 and 2.

None for respondent No.3.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge

Following order was passed in this matter on 07.10.2026:-

> *"Notice. Ms. Menka Raj Chauhan, learned Deputy Advocate General, appears and waives service of notice on behalf of respondents No.1 and 2. Issue notice to respondent No.3, returnable for 05.11.2026, on taking steps within two days.*
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> *2. Heard. The case set up by the petitioner is that he was promoted to the post of Superintendent Grade-I on 02.06.2026 and thereafter posted at HPPWD 5th Circle, Palampur. Petitioner assumed the charge of promotional post on 04.06.2026. Respondent No.3 was promoted to the*

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[1] *Whether reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgment? yes*

post of Superintendent Grade-I on 24.08.2026 and posted as such at HPPWD Hamirpur Zone, however, she did not join at the transferred place consequent upon her promotion. Petitioner's grievance is to the notification issued on 03.10.2026 (Annexure P-4), whereunder, respondent No.3, who was under order of posting at HPPWD Hamirpur Zone, was adjusted at petitioner's place of posting, i.e. HPPWD 5th Circle Palampur and in order to make way for respondent No.3, petitioner, who had joined at Palampur just about four months ago, has been transferred to HPPWD Hamirpur Zone. Petitioner has also alleged that the impugned notification has been issued purely on political considerations in order to accommodate respondent No.3.

3. In view of above, the petitioner has made out a case for grant of interim relief. Accordingly, it is ordered that till the next date of hearing, the impugned notification dated 03.10.2026 (Annexure P-4) shall remain stayed, or in other words, petitioner and respondent No.3 shall continue to serve at their respective places of posting prior to the issuance of notification dated 03.10.2026.

4. Reply by the appearing respondents be filed by the next date.

List on 05.11.2026."

2. Learned Deputy Advocate General has placed on record office instructions dated 04.11.2026 from Additional Secretary (PW) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, conveying that vide corrigendum dated 08.10.2026, place of posting of the petitioner under notification dated 03.10.2026 was corrected as HPPWD Mandi Zone instead of HPPWD Mandi Hamirpur Zone; Petitioner has also joined his duties in HPPWD Mandi Zone on 09.10.2026. Copy of above-mentioned

corrigendum dated 08.10.2026 has also been placed on record.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that grievance of the petitioner now stands redressed.

In view of above, this writ petition to stand disposed of. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

November 5, 2026
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