IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.20179 of 2026 alongwith connected matters

Date of Decision : 16.11.2026

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1. **CWP No.20179 of 2026**

Arun Attri

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Himachal Pradesh & others

…Respondents

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2. **CWP No.20180 of 2026**

Rajender Kumar

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Himachal Pradesh & others

…Respondents

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3. **CWP No.20181 of 2026**

Naveen Kumar

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Himachal Pradesh & others

…Respondents

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4. **CWP No.20182 of 2026**

Pawan Kumar

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Himachal Pradesh & others

…Respondents

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Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sushil Kukreja, Judge

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the petitioners : Mr. Aditya Chouhan, Advocate.

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

Sushil Kukreja, Judge (Oral)

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

2. 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 ***CWP No.2004 of 2017,*** *titled* ***Taj Mohammad and others Versus The State of Himachal Pradesh and others, alongwith connected matter,*** *decided on 03.08.2023.*

3. 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

1 Whether reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgment?

CWP No.3361 of 2025, titled Devinder Kumar & Ors. Vs. State of Himachal Pradesh & Anr. alongwith connected matters, *decided on 25.04.2026.* It is also a matter of record that ***Special Leave to Appeal (C) No.24885 of 2026***, titled ***State of Himachal Pradesh & Anr. Vs. Devinder Kumar & Ors.*** 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 writ petitions are disposed of at this stage with direction to the respondents to pass consideration order in accordance with law within a period of six weeks from today. 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.

(Sushil Kukreja)
Judge

November 16, 2026
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