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

**CWP No. 19425/2026 a/w connected matters
Decided on: 30.10.2026**

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1. **CWP No. 19425/2026**

Amit Singh Negi …Petitioner

Versus

H.P. State Electronic Development Corporation Ltd. & Anr.
….Respondents.

2. **CWP No. 19496/2026**

Tanu Thakur …Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors. ….Respondents

3. **CWP No. 19497/2026**

Arti Thakur …Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors. ….Respondents

4. **CWP No. 19498/2026**

Alpna Misra …Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors. ….Respondents

5. **CWP No. 19499/2026**

Sudesh Taneja …Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors. ….Respondents

6. **CWP No. 19500/2026**

Begum Parveen Akhtar Sultan …Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors. ….Respondents

7. **CWP No. 19501/2026**

Begum Jahan Ara Bano …Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors. ….Respondents

8. **CWP No. 19502/2026**

Deepika Abhi …Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors. ….Respondents

9. **CWP No. 19426/2026**

Sarita Kumari …Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors. ….Respondents

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge.

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the petitioners: **Mr. A.K. Gupta and Mr. Bonit Thakur, Advocates,**

For the respondents: **Ms. Tim Saran, Advocate, & Ms.**

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

Seema Sharma, Deputy Advocate General, for the respondents in the respective petitions.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, J

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 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.

In view of above, but without examining the merits of the matter, these present petitions are disposed of with direction to the respondents to consider the cases of the petitioners for the grant of

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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 alonwith connected matters on 25.04.2026
[4] Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 24885/2026 decided on 29.07.2026

relief prayed for by them, in accordance with the time-line 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, in future. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

30th October, 2026(rohit)