IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH SHIMLA

CWP No. 19210 of 2026 along with connected matters. .
Decided on : 28th October, 2026

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1. CWP No. 19210 of 2026.

Sunita Devi **...Petitioner.**

Versus

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

2. CWP No. 19221 of 2026.

Puja Rani Gautam & Ors. **...Petitioners.**

Versus

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

3. CWP No. 19228 of 2026.

Himanshu Sharma **...Petitioner.**

Versus

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

4. CWP No. 19215 of 2026.

Sanjeev Kumar **...Petitioner.**

Versus

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

5. CWP No. 19238 of 2026.

Kanta Devi **...Petitioner.**

Versus

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

Coram:

Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge.

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the Petitioner: Mr. Sudarshan Sharma, Advocate, vice Mr. Vishwa Bhushan and Ms. Anuja Mehta, Advocates.

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

For the respondents: Ms. Seema Sharma, Deputy Advocate General.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge.

Notice. Ms. Seema Sharma, learned Deputy Advocate General appears and waives service of notice on behalf of the respondents.

2. In view of the grievance of the petitioners and the nature of order being passed hereinafter, there is no necessity to call for reply from the respondents. Matters have accordingly been heard at this stage.

3. Petitioners' grievance is that in terms of office memorandums issued on 02.03.2024, 16.10.2024 and 15.10.2025, arrears on account of Dearness Allowance (DA) are admissible to him w.e.f. 01.07.2022, yet these have not been released to him. Petitioners seek release of DA arrears w.e.f. 01.07.2022. Petitioners have also alleged discrimination citing notifications dated 10.10.2024 (Annexure P-9) and 03.02.2026 (Annexure P-10), whereunder, a specific category of State Government employees has been extended the Dearness Allowance at Central Government rates from the due dates. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have submitted representation at Annexure P-11 to the competent authorities for the redressal of their grievances, however, the same have not been decided till date. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioners would be content in case the respondents/competent authority(s) are directed to decide the aforesaid representations in

accordance with law within a fixed time schedule. Learned Deputy Advocate General is not averse to this prayer.

4. Keeping in view the grievance of the petitioners, which is based upon respondents' office memorandums dated 02.03.2024, 16.10.2024 & 15.10.2025; the fact that petitioners' representations (Annexure P-11) is pending in that regard and having regard to the afore-submissions, but without examining the matters on merits, these writ petitions are disposed of with a direction to respondents No.1 and 2/competent authority to consider and decide the aforesaid representations seeking release of five pending installments of Dearness Allowance and DA arrears statedly due to the petitioners w.e.f. 01.07.2022 in accordance with law keeping in view the aforesaid office memorandums, within a period of six weeks from today. The decision so arrived at shall also be communicated to the petitioners. In case the Dearness Allowance and five installments of DA arrears are admissible to the petitioners, as claimed by them, the same be also released within the aforesaid period.

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

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

28th October, 2026.
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