IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.21003 of 2026 alongwith
CWP No.21047 of 2026

Decided on: 25th November, 2026

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1. CWP No.21003 of 2026

Vishal Rana and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

Himachal Road Transport Corporation
and others **.....Respondents**

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2. CWP No.21047 of 2026

Jagdeep Thakur and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

Himachal Road Transport Corporation
and another **.....Respondents**

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the Petitioners: Mr. Rajat Kumar, Advocate.

For the Respondents: Mr. Abhishek Thakur, Advocate, in CWP No.21003 of 2026.

Mr. Rahul Thakur, Advocate, in CWP No.21047 of 2026.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge

Petitioners seek a direction to the respondents to count their contract services for the purpose of annual

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

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 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

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

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 25, 2026
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