IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.20918 of 2026 alongwith connected matters

Decided on: 25th November, 2026

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1. CWP No.20918 of 2026

Vipan Kumar **.....Petitioner**

Versus

State of H.P. and others **.....Respondents**

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2. CWP No.20962 of 2026

Vipin Sharma and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

State of H.P. and others **.....Respondents**

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3. CWP No.20970 of 2026

Mohar Singh **.....Petitioner**

Versus

State of H.P. and others **.....Respondents**

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4. CWP No.20971 of 2026

Trilok Chand **.....Petitioner**

Versus

State of H.P. and another **.....Respondents**

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5. CWP No.21002 of 2026

Sashi Paul and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

State of H.P. and another **.....Respondents**

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6. CWP No.21038 of 2026

Ashish Kumar and another **.....Petitioners**

Versus

State of H.P. and others **.....Respondents**

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7. CWP No.21041 of 2026

Peelam Singh Dogra and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

State of H.P. and others **.....Respondents**

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8. CWP No.21050 of 2026

Phunchog Dolma and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

State of H.P. and others **.....Respondents**

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9. CWP No.21051 of 2026

Bindiya Thakur and others **.....Petitioners**

Versus

State of H.P. and others **.....Respondents**

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the Petitioners: Dr. Lalit K. Sharma, Mr. Vivek Thakur, Mr. Aashish Kumar and Mr. Arush Matlotia, Advocates, in the respective petitions.

For the Respondents: Mr. Y.P.S. Dhaulta, Additional Advocate General.

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

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge

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 "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.

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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

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 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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