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

**CWP No.21081 of 2026**

**Decided on: 25th November, 2026**

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Jagatamba Devi **.....Petitioner**

**Versus**

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

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**Coram**

**Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua**

**Whether approved for reporting?**[1]

For the Petitioner: Mr. R.L. Verma, Advocate.

For the Respondents: Ms. Seema Sharma, Deputy Advocate General, for respondents No.1 to 5.

Mr. Rangil Singh, Advocate, for respondent No.6.

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**Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge**

Notice. Ms. Seema Sharma, learned Deputy Advocate General and Mr. Rangil Singh, learned counsel, appear and waive service of notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 5 and respondent No.6, respectively.

**2.** Respondent No.6 has declined to process the pension case of the petitioner under the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 on the ground that she had not furnished her option within the stipulated period of 60 days as per office

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

memorandum dated 04.05.2023. Petitioner feels aggrieved against the aforesaid decision contained in office letter dated 01.05.2025 (Annexure P-5).

**3.** Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the aforesaid decision runs contrary to ***Reshmo Devi Versus State of Himachal Pradesh & Ors.***[2], as affirmed by the Division Bench in ***State of Himachal Pradesh and others Versus Reshmo Devi and Another***[3], decided alongwith connected matters with lead case ***LPA No.217 of 2026 (State of Himachal Pradesh and Others Versus Baldev Singh)*** on 09.07.2026.

**4.** In view of above, the decision as contained in office memorandum dated 01.05.2025 (Annexure P-5) is quashed and set aside. Accordingly, this writ petition is disposed of with direction to the respondents to consider and decide the case of the petitioner for pension under the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 afresh in accordance with law, keeping in view the aforesaid decisions. Fresh exercise be carried out within six weeks from today. The decision so arrived at shall also be communicated to the petitioner.

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[2] CWP No.11004 of 2025, decided alongwith connected matters on 10.07.2025
[3] CMP(M) No.346 of 2026, decided on 09.07.2026

The writ petition stands 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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