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

**CWP No. 2219/2015
Decided on: 31.10.2026**

Sumitra Devi .....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 petitioner: **None.**

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

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, J.

Learned Deputy Advocate General has drawn attention to the pleadings of the parties, according to which a post of Drawing Master fell vacant in Government High School, now Senior Secondary School, Kanda Banah, Tehsil Chopal, District Shimla, due to the transfer of the regular Drawing Master working there. The School Management Committee of Government Senior Secondary School, Kanda Banah, appointed the petitioner as Drawing Master on 22.11.2008. The petitioner continued to serve as such till 31.08.2013, whereafter she proceeded on maternity leave. Her rejoining was not allowed by the concerned Principal/Headmaster, as by that time, the regular incumbent had already joined the school in question. As per

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

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the pleadings, the petitioner was appointed only by the School Management Committee. The petitioner was not in possession of the requisite qualifications prescribed under the applicable Recruitment and Promotion Rules on the date of her appointment by the School Management Committee.

2. There is also no appearance on behalf of the petitioner. Hence, the petition is dismissed in default. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

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