IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No. 18254 of 2026 and connected matters

Decided on: 15.10.2026

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1. CWP No. 18254 of 2026

Dev Singh .....Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Ors. .....Respondents

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2. CWP No. 18249 of 2026

Rakesh Kumar .....Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Ors. .....Respondents

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3. CWP No. 18250 of 2026

Suresh Kumar .....Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Ors. .....Respondents

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4. CWP No. 18251 of 2026

Kishan Chand and Anr .....Petitioners

Versus

State of H.P. and Ors. .....Respondents

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5. CWP No. 18252 of 2026

Mahatam Chand .....Petitioner

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6. CWP No. 18253 of 2026

Bishamber Lal and Anr .....Petitioners

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7. CWP No. 18458 of 2026

Kapil Dev .....Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Anr. .....Respondents

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8. CWP No. 18445 of 2026

Basu Dev and Ors .....Petitioners

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State of H.P. and Anr. .....Respondents

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9. CWP No. 18199 of 2026

Sunita Sagroli .....Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Anr. .....Respondents

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10. CWP No. 18179 of 2026

Chaman Singh .....Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Ors. .....Respondents

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11. CWP No. 18182 of 2026

Ravi Kumar .....Petitioner

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12. CWP No. 18183 of 2026

Dimple Kumar .....Petitioner

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13. CWP No. 18184 of 2026

Joginder Singh .....Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Prs. .....Respondents

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14. CWP No. 18186 of 2026

Kamlesh Rana .....Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Ors. .....Respondents

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15. CWP No. 18187 of 2026

Piyush Raj .....Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Ors. .....Respondents

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16. CWP No. 18188 of 2026

Vishad Sharma .....Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Ors. .....Respondents

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17. CWP No. 18189 of 2026

Vipan .....Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Ors. .....Respondents

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18. CWP No. 18190 of 2026

Sulekha Rani .....Petitioner

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State of H.P. and Ors. .....Respondents

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19. CWP No. 18191 of 2026

Kuldeep Singh .....Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Ors. .....Respondents

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20. CWP No. 18153 of 2026

Rajender Kumar .....Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. and Anr. .....Respondents

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21. CWP No. 18076 of 2026

Amit Rajta .....Petitioner

Versus

HPSEBL . .....Respondent

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua, *Judge*.

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the petitioners: **M/s Anhsul Jairath, Vikrant, Sourav Sharma, R.L.Chaudhary, Mandeep Chandel, Mamta Garg, Bhanu Verma Advocates in the respective writ petitions**

For the respondents/State: **Mr. Y.P.S.Dhaulta, and Mr. L. N. Sharma, Additional Advocates General.**

Mr. Rajesh Kashyap, Advocate, for respondent in CWP No. 18076 of 2026

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

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***Jyotsna Rewal Dua*, J.**

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 judgment 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

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3. In view of above, the present petitions are disposed of, at this stage, with direction to the respondents to pass consideration order, in accordance with the time-line 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.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

October 15, 2026 (R.Atal)

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