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

**CWP No. 18431 of 2026 along with connected matters.**
**Decided on : 26th October, 2026**

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**1. CWP No. 18431 of 2026**

Diwan Chand **...Petitioner.**

Versus

State of H.P. & Anr. **....Respondents.**

**2. CWP No. 18437 of 2026**

Sunita **...Petitioner.**

Versus

State of H.P. & Anr. **....Respondents.**

**3. CWP No. 18444 of 2026**

Kali Dass Bist **...Petitioner.**

Versus

State of H.P. & Anr. **....Respondents.**

**4. CWP No. 18446 of 2026**

Chandan Sharma **...Petitioner.**

Versus

State of H.P. & Anr. **....Respondents.**

**5. CWP No. 18447 of 2026**

Surmi Lal **...Petitioner.**

Versus

State of H.P. & Anr. **....Respondents.**

**6. CWP No. 18448 of 2026**

Kishor Kumar **...Petitioner.**

Versus

State of H.P. & Anr. **....Respondents.**

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**7. CWP No. 18449 of 2026**

Kapil Dev Bhardwaj **...Petitioner.**

Versus

State of H.P. & Anr. ....**Respondents.**

**8. CWP No. 18455 of 2026**

Kushal **...Petitioner.**

Versus

State of H.P. & Anr. ....**Respondents.**

**9. CWP No. 18462 of 2026**

Avinash **...Petitioner.**

Versus

State of H.P. & Anr. ....**Respondents.**

**10. CWP No. 18520 of 2026**

Jaswinder Kaur **...Petitioner.**

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors. ....**Respondents.**

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***Coram:***

***Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge.***

*Whether approved for reporting?*[1]

**For the Petitioners:** Mr. Sourav Sharma, Mr. Rocky, Mr. Ashish Kumar, Mr.Rajinder Thakur, Ms. Kiran Verma, Mr. Ganesh Barowalia, Mr. Gambhir Singh Chauhan and Ms. Yogita Sharma, Advocates.

**For the respondents:** Mr. L. N. Sharma, Additional Advocate General for the respondents-State.

Mr. Prashant Sharma, Advocate, for respondent No.2 in CWP No. 18462 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, Judge.**

Notice. Mr. L. N. Sharma, learned Additional Advocate General appears and waives service of notice on behalf of respondents-State and Mr. Prashant Sharma, learned counsel waives service of notice on behalf of respondent No.2 in CWP No. 18462 of 2026.

2. With the consent of learned counsel for the parties, the matters are heard at this stage.

3. 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].

It is an admitted position that the "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

[2] CWP No.2004 of 2017 decided alongwith connected matter on 03.08.2023.
[3] CWP No. 3361 of 2025 decided alonwith connected matters on 25.04.2026
[4] Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 24885/2026 decided on 29.07.2026

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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.

**4.** In view of above, the present petitions are disposed of with direction to the respondents to consider the cases of the petitioners for the grant of relief prayed for by them, 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, in future. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

**Jyotsna Rewal Dua**
**Judge**

**26th October, 2026.**
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