IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH SHIMLA

CWP No. 18965 of 2026.
Decided on : 28th October, 2026

Kavinder **...Petitioner.**

Versus

HPSEBL & Anr. **....Respondents.**

Coram:

Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge.

Whether approved for reporting?[1]
For the Petitioner: Ms. Suchita Kaintura, Advocate.
For the respondents: Mr. Rahul Thakur, Advocate.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge.

Notice. Mr. Rahul Thakur, learned counsel appears and waives service of notice on behalf of the respondents.

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

3. Petitioner seeks a direction to the respondents to count their contract services for the purpose of annual increments, seniority, promotion and all other consequential benefits. He seeks 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,

[1] Whether reporters of the local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
[2] CWP No.2004 of 2017 decided alongwith connected matter on 03.08.2023.

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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.

4. In view of above, the present petition is disposed of with direction to the respondents to consider the case of the petitioner for the grant of relief prayed for by him, in accordance with the time-line indicated by the Hon'ble Apex Court. The petitioner is at liberty to seek appropriate remedy for the redressal of his surviving grievance, 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

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[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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