IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No. 19205/2026
Decided on: 04.11.2026

Devinder Singh **…..Petitioner**

Versus

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

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the Petitioner: Mr. Suneel Awasthi, Advocate.

For the Respondents: Mr. L.N. Sharma, Additional Advocate General.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge

The petitioner has preferred this writ petition seeking to restrain the respondents from finalizing the process for promoting Deputy Rangers to the post of Range Forest Officers for the year 2026 by ignoring petitioner's candidature. That till the time, petitioner's representation submitted against the recording of adverse remarks in his Annual Confidential Reports (ACRs) is decided and the adverse remarks are corrected, the respondents should not be permitted to proceed with effecting promotions to the post of Range Forest Officers.

2. Petitioner's grievance was noticed as under in the order dated 28.10.2026: -

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

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"Notice. Mr. Sikandar Bhushan, learned Deputy Advocate General, appears and waives service of notice on behalf of the respondents.

Let learned Deputy Advocate General to have instructions with respect to decision of petitioner's representations against the Annual Confidential Report (Annexure P-2).

List on 04.11.2026."

3. Learned Deputy Advocate General has now placed on record office order dated 16.10.2026, rejecting petitioner's representation against the adverse remarks recorded in his Annual Confidential Reports (ACRs) for the periods 2023-24 and 2024-25.

4. In view of office order dated 16.10.2026 placed on record by learned Deputy Advocate General, rejecting petitioner's representation against the recording of entries in his Annual Confidential Reports (ACRs) for the period in question, the relief claimed by the petitioner cannot be granted. The petition accordingly fails and is dismissed. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

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