IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No. 20851 of 2026 and connected matters

Decided on: 23.11.2026

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1. CWP No. 20851 of 2026

Anil Kumar Sharma .....Petitioner

Versus

HRTC and Ors. .....Respondents

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2. CWP No. 20852 of 2026

Humesh Kumar .....Petitioner

Versus

HRTC & Ors. .....Respondents

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3. CWP No. 20854 of 2026

Priya Ranjan .....Petitioner

Versus

HRTC and Ors. .....Respondents

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4. CWP No. 20872 of 2026

Roshan Lal .....Petitioner

Versus

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

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5. CWP No. 20874 of 2026

Priyanka .....Petitioner

Versus

State of HP and Ors. .....Respondents

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6. CWP No. 20876 of 2026

Rakesh Kumar .....Petitioner

Versus

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

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7. CWP No. 20878 of 2026

Bhawna & Ors .....Petitioners

Versus

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

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua, *Judge.*

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the petitioners: **M/s Ashwani Kaundal, Suhani & Muskan vice Anita Devi, Sanjeev K Motta and Gurmeet Bhardwaj Advocates in the respective writ petitions**

For the respondents/State: **Mr. L.N.Sharma, Additional Advocate General.**
Mr. Virender Singh Kanwar, Advocate for respondents in CWP Nos. 20851, 20851 & 20854 of 2026

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

Petitioners seek a direction to the respondents to count their contract services for the purpose of annual

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

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.

3. In view of above, but without examining the merits of the matters, 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

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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

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

November 23, 2026 **(R.Atal)**