

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

**CWP No. 18405 of 2026.**

**Decided on : 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2026.**

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Naresh Kumar

**...Petitioner.**

Versus

HRTC & Ors.

**....Respondents.**

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***Coram:***

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

*Whether approved for reporting?<sup>1</sup>*

**For the Petitioner:**

Mr. S.P. Chatterji and Mr. Lovneesh Singh  
Thakur, Advocates.

**For the respondents:**

Mr. Abhishek Thakur, Advocate.

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**Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge.**

Learned counsel for the respondent-Himachal Road Transport Corporation has placed on record office instructions dated 29.09.2026. These instructions, inter alia, convey that Board of Directors of respondent-Corporation, in its meeting convened on 19.06.2023, vide Item No.153.07, had approved revision of pension/family pension of pre-2016 retirees at 50% and 30%, respectively, of the levels of Pay Matrix; The Board had specifically decided that benefit of revision of pension/family pension would be made effective for actual payment from July, 2023 onwards; Fixation/revision was to be made notionally w.e.f. 01.01.2016, whereas actual monetary benefits were made admissible from July 2023, onwards.

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<sup>1</sup> Whether reporters of the local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?

2. Office instructions are also to the effect that the respondent-Corporation has accordingly implemented office letter dated 22.07.2023 (Annexure P-1) inasmuch as revised pensionary benefits have already been released to the eligible pensioner on actual basis w.e.f. July, 2023 onwards.

3. As per the office instructions, regarding petitioner's claim for arrears for the period 01.01.2016 to 30.06.2023, no decision as yet has been taken by the Board of Directors of respondent-Corporation for release/payment of such arrears, even though notional fixation of pension has been carried out w.e.f. 01.01.2016 for releasing the admissible arrears to the petitioner from July, 2023 onwards.

4. In view of above, this writ petition seeking implementation of Annexure P-1, office letter dated 22.07.2023, is disposed of with liberty reserved to the petitioner to seek appropriate remedy for the redressal of his surviving grievances for claiming balance arrears of pension w.e.f. 01.01.2016 to 30.06.2023 in accordance with law. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

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

**16<sup>th</sup> October, 2026.**  
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