

Neetu Devi and Ors. v. State of Himachal Pradesh and Ors.

CWP No.1649 of 2024

27.5.2025 Present: Mr. Rajender Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Rajan Kahol, Mr. Vishal Panwar and Mr. B.C. Verma, Additional Advocates General with Mr. Ravi Chauhan, Deputy Advocate General, for State.

While placing on record communication dated 22.5.2025, issued under the signature Director (Higher Education), Himachal Pradesh, Mr. B.C. Verma, learned Additional Advocate General states that in compliance to order dated 2.5.2025, matter has been considered at government level and it was observed that Ms. Neetu (petitioner) is neither eligible for the post of Assistant Professor (College Cadre) nor for the post of Lecturer (School Cadre) as per inspection report. Above named person has been found eligible for the post of JOA (IT) and as such, government has decided to take over her services against the post of JOA(IT) with immediate effect on trainee basis as per instructions issued vide letter dated 14.5.2025 of Department of Personnel. As per aforesaid communication, petitioner has been posted in Govt. Degree College Subathu, District Solan, Himachal Pradesh, however as far as petitioners No. 2 and 3 are concerned, they have crossed the maximum age limit of 45 years particularly at the time of Inspection Committee visit to Erstwhile Privately Managed "Goswami Ganesh Dutt Sanatan Dharma College, Subathu" as per inspection report, as such, their services cannot be taken over.

While referring to office order dated 30.12.2017 (Annexure P-14) annexed with the rejoinder, learned counsel for

the petitioner states that persons namely Anupam Sharma, Sanjeevna Devi and Shashi Kiran, who had also crossed the maximum age limit of 45 years, have been granted relaxation and at present, they have been given posting at GSSS Bassi, Bilaspur, GSSS Saloh Beri, Una and GSSS Bhanjal, Una, respectively, against vacancy.

Besides above, petitioner has also made available communication dated 30.1.2023, whereby in relaxation of age, government has decided to take over the services of similarly situate persons of Erstwhile Privately Managed "Sanatan Dharam Sanskrit College Chamba, District Chamba, Himachal Pradesh.

Faced with aforesaid situation, learned Additional Advocate General prays for and is granted two weeks' time to have fresh instructions.

May 27, 2025

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**(Sandeep Sharma),
Judge**