

**Ruveen Thakur & Anr. v. State of H.P. & Ors.
CWP No.12068 of 2026**

22.07.2026 Present: M/s Abhimanyu Rathore and Poonam Gehlot, Advocates, for the petitioners.

Mr. Rahul Thakur, Deputy Advocate General, for the respondents-State.

Mr. Vishwajeet Singh, Advocate, for respondent No.3.

Mr. Abhimanyu Rathore, Advocate, submits that though one of the petitioners had raised objection even to the provisional key which was displayed, however, the petitioners be allowed to withdraw the said relief from the present petition and liberty granted to the petitioners to agitate the same by way of a separate writ petition.

Relief No. 3 is allowed to be withdrawn from this petition, but liberty is granted to only the petitioner who had challenged the provisional seniority list to file a fresh petition, if so advised.

Issue notice. Mr. Rahul Thakur, learned Deputy Advocate General and Vishwajeet Singh, Advocate, accept notice on behalf of the respondent No.1 & 2 and respondent No.3, respectively. Notice be issued to the private respondents, returnable for 15.09.2026 by supplying address of the private respondents to the Registry within 10 days from today.

As prayed for, list on 15.09.2026. Reply on behalf of the representing respondents in the meanwhile.

CMP No.17818 of 2026

Notice in above terms. Till the next date of hearing, the respondent-Department is directed to keep the appointment of the six respondents, namely, Vishakha Singh Pakhretia, Swati Thakur, Santosh Kumar, Sonali, Rakesh Kumar and Tanu Choudhary in abeyance, as according to the petitioners, none of the said incumbents was possessing the qualification as was prescribed in the R&P Rules and the advertisement and as the contention of the petitioners is, *prima facie* borne out from the documents on record.

(Ajay Mohan Goel)
Judge

July 22, 2026
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