



**Vivek Sharma and others versus State of  
Himachal Pradesh and others**

**CWPOA No.7601 of 2019**

**06.01.2026 Present:** Ms. Shalini Thakur, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Seema Sharma, Deputy Advocate General for respondents No. 1 and 2-State.

Mr. Abhishek Nagta, Advocate, for respondent No.3.

Heard for some time.

**2.** Learned Counsel for the petitioners prays for time to assist this Court with case law that the pay scales of the feeder post of Assistant Development Officer vis-à-vis the promotional post of Development Officer [at pages 52 and page 59 of case file] cannot be the same, which reveals patent anomaly in the instant case.

**3.** Per contra, Learned Counsel for Respondent No.3-Board submits that anomaly in pay scales of Assistant Development Officer vis-à-vis Development Officers have been removed whereby, Assistant Development Officers have been placed in Pay Matrix Level i.e. L-11 whereas, Development Officers have been placed in Pay



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Matrix Level i.e. L-12, as per Gazette Notification dated 19.10.2023 [*Taken on Record*].

**4.** Faced with this eventuality, Learned Counsel for the petitioner states that the anomaly in pay scale, as is claimed by the petitioners relates to the period prior to 19.10.2023 and therefore, the same needs to be adjudicated on merits.

As prayed for by Learned Counsel for the petitioner, list the matter on **12<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.**

**6<sup>th</sup> January, 2026**  
(himani)

**(Ranjan Sharma)**  
**Judge**