

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA****CWP No. 13362 of 2025****Decided on: 20.04.2026**

Dr. Birbal Sharma

.....Petitioner

Versus

The State of HP and others

... Respondents

Coram***Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Mohan Goel, Judge.*****Whether approved for reporting?¹**

For the petitioner : Mr. R.L. Verma, Advocate.

For the respondents : Mr. Pushpender Jaswal, Additional Advocate General.

: Mr. Tek Ram Sharma, Advocate for respondent No. 5.

Ajay Mohan Goel, Judge *(Oral)*

By way of this writ petition, the petitioner has assailed the act of the respondents of refusing to allow him to opt for old pension scheme.

2. In terms of the reply filed by the respondents, the reason why the request of the petitioner was turned down is that option was not submitted by the petitioner within the time provided by the State to put forth the request.

3. In light of the fact that there is no challenge to this, on the request of learned Counsel for the petitioner, this petition is allowed to be withdrawn with liberty to the petitioner to file a fresh

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



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petition to enable him to assail the notification/communication issued by the Government fixing outer time limit to apply under the old pension scheme. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any also stand disposed of accordingly.

(Ajay Mohan Goel)
Judge

April 20, 2026
(*narender*)