

Jai Singh Verma vs. State of Himachal Pradesh and others

CWP No.1979 of 2024

17.09.2025 Present Mr. Daleep Singh Kaith, Advocate, for the petitioners.
Mr. Rajan Kahol, Mr. Vishal Panwar and Mr. B.C.Verma, Additional Advocate Generals, with Mr. Ravi Chauhan, Deputy Advocate General, for respondent No.1/State.
Mr. Vijay Kumar Arora, Senior Advocate with Mr. Gaurav Kumar and Mr. Hitansh Raj, Advocates, for respondent Nos. 2 and 3.

While placing on record communication dated 16th September, 2025, issued under the signatures of Special Secretary (Forest) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Mr. Rajan Kahol, learned Additional Advocate General, states that matter regarding enhancement of gratuity (from Rs. 10 lakh to 20 lakh) of the petitioners including all employees retired between 01.01.2016 to 28.03.2018 has been received from the Managing Director, Himachal Pradesh State Forest Development Corporation Limited and now same has been sent to the Finance Department for approval and as and when, approval is received, amount of gratuity will be released to the petitioners.

Though, having perused the aforesaid communication, there appears to be merit in the contention of learned Additional Advocate General, but this Court finds that repeatedly on one pretext or other payment, as detailed hereinabove, of aforesaid amount is being delayed to the retire government officials. Though, there appears to be no justification to grant further time, but by way of indulgence and on the

vehement request of Mr. Rajan Kahol, learned Additional Advocate General, further two weeks' time is granted to the respondents to do the needful, failing which, respondents including Secretary(Finance) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh shall remain present in Court on the next date of hearing.

List on 29.10.2025.

(Sandeep Sharma)
Judge

September 17, 2025
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