

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA****CWP No.16169 of 2026****Decided on: 17th September, 2026**-----
Neelam.....**Petitioner****Versus**

State of H.P. and others

.....**Respondents**
-----**Coram****Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua****Whether approved for reporting?¹**

For the Petitioner: Mr. Bhim Raj Sharma, Advocate.

For the Respondents: Ms. Menka Raj Chauhan, Deputy
Advocate General.-----
Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge

Petitioner seeks a direction to the respondents to count her contract services for the purpose of annual increments, seniority, promotion and all other consequential benefits. She seeks applicability of the decision rendered in ***Taj Mohammad and others Versus The State of Himachal Pradesh and others***².

2. It is an admitted position that “Himachal Pradesh Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Government Employees Act, 2024” has been quashed and set aside in ***Devinder Kumar & Ors. Vs. State of***

¹ Whether reporters of print and electronic media may be allowed to see the order? Yes.

² CWP No.2004 of 2017 decided alongwith connected matter on 03.08.2023.



Himachal Pradesh & Anr.³. It is also a matter of record that **State of Himachal Pradesh & Anr. Vs. Devinder Kumar & Ors.**⁴ instituted by the State of Himachal Pradesh against the aforementioned judgment, has been dismissed by the Hon'ble Apex Court on 29.07.2026. While dismissing the appeal, the Hon'ble Apex Court granted four months' time to the State Government to do the needful in terms of the judgment.

3. In view of above, the present writ petition is disposed of at this stage with direction to the respondents to pass consideration order in accordance with the timeline indicated by the Hon'ble Apex Court. The petitioner is at liberty to seek appropriate remedy for the redressal of her surviving grievances, if any, at an appropriate stage, in case necessity so arises.

The writ petition stands disposed of in the above terms, so also the pending miscellaneous application(s), if any.

September 17, 2026
Mukesh

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

³ CWP No.3361 of 2025 decided a/w connected matters on 25.04.2026

⁴ Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).24885/2026