

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH,
SHIMLA**

CWP No. 16111 & 16099/2026

Decided on: 17.09.2026

CWP No. 16111/2026

Veena Devi

...Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors.

....Respondents.

CWP No. 16099/2026

Abhay Kohli

...Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Anr.

....Respondents

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge.

Whether approved for reporting?¹

For the petitioner:

**Ms. Mamta Garg & Mr. Varun
Thakur Advocates for the
petitioners in the respective
petitions.**

For the respondents:

**Mr. L.N. Sharma, Additional
Advocate General.**

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, J

Petitioners seek a direction to the respondents to count their contract services for the purpose of annual increments, seniority, promotion and all other consequential benefits. They seek

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 the “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 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.

In view of above, these present writ petitions are 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 petitioners are at liberty to seek appropriate remedy for the redressal of their surviving grievances, if any, at an appropriate stage, in case necessity so arises. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

17th September, 2026_(rohit)

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

³ CWP No. 3361 of 2025 decided alongwith connected matters on 25.04.2026

⁴ Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 24885/2026 decided on 29.07.2026