

Hem Chand Sharma Vs. State of Himachal Pradesh & Ors.

CWP No. 15707 of 2024

15.07.2025 Present: Mr. Sanjeev Bhushan, Senior Advocate, with Mr. Surender Verma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajan Kahol & Mr. B.C. Verma, Additional Advocates General with Mr. Ravi Chauhan, Deputy Advocate General, for the respondents-State.

Though reply on behalf of respondents No. 1 & 2, if read in its entirety, clearly suggests that some of the employees were granted relaxation at the time of their promotion to the post of Additional Director of Horticulture, but it has been specifically denied that relaxation, if any, in educational qualification was granted.

However, careful persual of documents adduced on record by the petitioner, especially communication dated 14.06.2025 (*Annexure P-10*), suggests that persons namely Mr. Baldev Singh and Mr. P.C.Bhanu were granted relaxation in educational qualification at the time of their being promoted to the post of Additional Director Horticulture, which fact is substantiated from communication dated 01.07.2023, issued under the signatures of Director of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh (*Annexure P-11*).

Learned Additional Advocate General prays for and
is granted ten days' time to have instructions in light of
aforesaid claim put-forth by the petitioner.

List on 04.08.2025.

July 15, 2025
(sunil)

(Sandeep Sharma),
Judge