

Vinod Kumar versus State of H.P. and another

CWP No. 17944 of 2025

27.11.2025 Present: Mr. Surender K. Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Sikander Bhushan, Deputy Advocate General, for respondents.

The gist of petitioner's grievance was noted in the following order passed on 19.11.2025:-

"Notice. Mr. L.N. Sharma, learned Additional Advocate General, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

2. Petitioner's grievance is that even though 300 posts of Headmasters are lying vacant in various schools, yet the respondents are not making promotion to the said posts. This is despite the fact that meeting of Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) was convened and completed its proceedings on 28.07.2025. According to the petitioner, his name was recommended for promotion to the post of Headmaster by the DPC. Neither have the respondents issued the promotion list, nor has any consequential order of promotion been passed.

3. Petitioner aged 57 years and 11 months is due for retirement on 30.11.2025 and seeks direction to the respondents to act upon DPC recommendations dated 28.07.2025.

4. Let the respondents place on record instructions with respect to above grievance of the petitioner. In case assertions of the petitioner regarding convening of the DPC and DPC having made its recommendations on 28.07.2025 for filling the posts of Headmasters on promotion are correct and if there is no other hindrance in giving effect to the recommendations, the respondents to redress petitioner's grievance by the next date, considering the fact that he is due for retirement within two weeks.

List on 27.11.2025.

2. Learned Deputy Advocate General has placed on record following instructions from Director of School Education, Himachal Pradesh:-

“In this regard, it is submitted that the DPC for promotion to the post of Headmaster was convened on 28.07.2025 and further proposal of posting order of recommended candidates was sent to the Government for approval on 06.08.2025. Thereafter, the detail of financial implication on account of promotion to the post of Headmasters was sought from the Special Secretary (Finance) and the financial implication has also been sent to the Government on 15.11.2025. Now the proposal for posting order is under consideration at the Government Level.”

Let concerned official alongwith recommendations of the DPC and further action taken upon them alongwith fresh instructions to remain present in the Court on 28.11.2025. In case there is no legal hurdle in giving effect to the recommendations of the DPC, the same be given effect to considering petitioner's impending retirement on 29.11.2025.

List on 28.11.2025.

November 27, 2025
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Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge