

IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.18507 of 2024
Date of Decision: 28.11.2025

Duni Chand Thakur

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Himachal Pradesh & Anr.

.....Respondents

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Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sandeep Sharma, Judge.

Whether approved for reporting?

For the Petitioner: Mr. Nikhil Katwal, Advocate.

For the respondents: Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocate General, Mr. Rajan Kahol & Mr. Vishal Panwar, Additional Advocates General and Mr. Ravi Chauhan & Mr. Anish Banshtu, Deputy Advocates General.

Sandeep Sharma, J. *(Oral)*

Learned counsel for the petitioner, states that his client would be content and satisfied in case directions are issued to the respondents to consider and decide case of the petitioner in terms of judgment dated 13.12.2012, passed by Division Bench of this Court in LPA No. 105 of 2010, titled ***State of Himachal Pradesh and Ors. v. Rakesh Chand and Ors. (alongwith connected matters)*** in a time bound manner. Learned Additional Advocate General is not averse to the aforesaid innocuous prayer made by the petitioner.

2. Having perused aforesaid judgment sought to be relied upon vis-à-vis issue raised in the petition at hand, this Court finds that issue raised in the instant petition already stands adjudicated in

the aforesaid judgment and as such, no prejudice would be caused to either of the parties in case respondents are directed to consider and decide case of the petitioner in light of the aforesaid judgment.

3. Consequently, in view of the above, present petition is disposed of with direction to the respondents to consider and decide representation (Annexure P-5) of the petitioner in light of **Rakesh Chand** expeditiously, preferably, within four weeks. In case, petitioner is found to be similarly situate to the petitioner in the aforesaid judgment, he would be extended similar benefits. Needless to say, authority concerned while doing the needful in terms of the instant order shall afford an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and pass a speaking order. All pending applications stand disposed of.

November 28, 2025
Manjit

(Sandeep Sharma),
Judge