

Dilwar Singh Vs. H.P University, Shimla

CWP No.18478 of 2025

10.03.2026 Present: Mr. Sohail Khan, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Ms. Archana Dutt, Advocate, for the respondent.

The grievance of the petitioner is that despite being in the service of the Himachal Pradesh University since the year 2002 initially on daily wage basis and since the year 2012 on regular basis, till date he has not been provided Government accommodation, whereas persons who joined the service after his regularization have been provided the Government accommodation. A perusal of the reply filed by the University demonstrates that this fact stands admitted by them, but the University is justifying it by *inter alia* submitting that said allotments have been made by the Vice Chancellor in exercise of power so vested in him.

This Court is of the considered view that none can have unfettered and arbitrary powers which usurp the rights of the employees who might not be having access to the corridors of power. The right to Government accommodation is not a matter of prerogative, it is a matter of right and in case an incumbent is entitled for the allotment of house as

per seniority, then this right of the incumbent cannot be denied to him by arbitrary exercise of the power of allotment by any Authority.

At this stage, learned Counsel for the respondent submits that she may be granted some time to have instruction as to how soon the petitioner can be allotted the accommodation.

As prayed for, list on **25.03.2026**.

Ajay Mohan Goel)
Judge

March 10, 2026
(Rishi)