

DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION FOR TEHSILDARS AND NAIB TEHSILDARS OF
HIMACHAL PRADESH.

OCTOBER, 2013.

Paper: 1 Land Revenue Acts and Rules

TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours

MAXIMUM MARKS: 100

Note: i) Attempt any 4 questions

ii) Candidates may carry any Acts, Rules, Orders, Instructions, commentaries, print outs, etc., they may desire. They may also consult relevant websites on internet during the examination.

Question No. 1 Status quo ante as it existed in 2011 has been restored by Government with respect to attestation of mutations. Discuss the merits and demerits of this decision.

Question No. 2. Chapter 14 dealing with 'partition' in the HP Land Records Manual has been revised recently. It enumerates a number of stages at which parties must be given an opportunity to file objections. Describe and comment whether this is better or worse than earlier provisions.

Question No.3 Chapter 10 in the HP Land Records Manual dealing with 'demarcation' has been revised recently. What are the key changes? Are these changes an improvement or will they complicate matters?

Question No.4 Who all qualify as agriculturists for purposes of Section 118 of the HP Tenancy and Land Reforms Act, 1972? Are there any grey areas? What are the latest clarifications on the subject?

Question No.5 Instructions relating to entries in the Khasra Girdawari need radical changes to ensure up-to-date information on actual land use. Suggest how this can be done without giving rise to malpractices?

Question No.6 What are the most significant exemptions from the ceiling limit on land holdings under the HP Ceiling on Landholdings Act 1972? What is the latest addition passed by the HP Vidhan Sabha and awaiting President assent? What is the controversy arising out of Section 6 A and Section 7 A of the Act?

Question No. 7 Discuss the changes in validity period and procedure for the issue of various certificates in Chapter 28 of the HP Land Records Manual revised and notified on 09.01.2012.

Question No.8 Settlement operations are meant to improve accurate reflection of the ground level situation. Yet they seem to cause an increase in disputes. What are the reasons? How can we improve the situation?

Question No.9 List the Revenue related Acts under which Tehsildars and Naib Tehsildars are original revenue courts. Which Acts generate the maximum workload? Do you think that this situation should be amended in any way to facilitate disposal?
