

STANDING ORDERS OF THE FINANCIAL COMMISSIONER, HIMACHAL PRADESH
STANDING ORDER NO. 13

CALENDAR OF SETTLEMENTS

Section 33 of the Himachal Pradesh Land Revenue Act 1953 empowers the State Govt. to direct by notification the preparation of record of rights for all or any estate in any local area where it does not exist or the special revision of records of rights for an estate where it is considered necessary. Chapter V of the Act provides for the assessment of land revenue. While confirming the assessment under Section 56, the State Govt. has the power to fix the duration for which the assessment shall remain in force and this duration under Section 57(2) has to be forty years notwithstanding the expiration of the period fixed for the continuance of an assessment under Section 57, the assessment shall remain in force till a new assessment takes effect. But State Government is competent to curtail this period for any local area in order to bring the duration of assessment on a uniform basis within a district.

The considerations which determine the period for which the settlement is to run in Himachal Pradesh are: (i) when the land is fully cultivated and (ii) rents are fair and agricultural output is not exposed much to natural hazards, it is sufficient if the demands of Govt. are readjusted once in forty years i.e. in the lifetime of each generation. But if the conditions are otherwise i.e. (i) where there are much waste lands (ii) rents are low and agricultural output is exposed much to natural hazards or (iii) where there is rapid development owing to the construction of roads, projects, colonisation and industrial activities and there is consequential increase in population and rise in prices, the postponement of resettlement for such a long period is neither desirable nor in public interest.

The year of the last settlement in respect of the different districts is given in the annexure appended. The Calendar of Land Revenue Settlement should be prepared after every five years in the month of the July in the office of the Financial Commissioner. The Commissioner of the division is responsible to send a copy of the Calendar to each Deputy Commissioner and Settlement Officer in the first week of June of the year in which the calendar is to be updated. All the Deputy Commissioners and Settlement Officers should carefully scrutinise this statement and report the alternations necessary to bring it upto date i.e. upto the 30th June of the year in which the report is called for. Khalsa, fixed land revenue demand in respect of the villages indicated in column 3 should be shown in column No. 7 and the figures should agree with those shown in the fixed land revenue roll for the current agricultural year. Estimate of fluctuating land revenue permanently struck off from the rent roll based on the figures for the last five years should also be entered in the remarks column for every district if the land revenue in part or whole is assessed on fluctuating basis. The remarks column should indicate the steps taken or proposed to be taken in relation to the settlements which have expired or are within two years of expiry. The specimen of the calendars is given below:-

Specimen of the Calendar

District	Tehsil	Total No. of villages	Year of last Settlement	Due date for revision	Proposed year for taking up the revision
1	2	3	4	5	6
Number of villages taken up for revision			Actual date for starting the operation	Fixed land revenue	Expected revenue demand after Settlement
	From	To	Total time taken for completion		
7		8		9	10
Actual demand after Settlement.				Remarks.	
11				12	

In all districts in which Settlement Operations are in progress, the report on the Calendar of land

revenue Settlements will be made by the Settlement Officers of the District through the Deputy Commissioner and the Commissioner of the Division. Deputy Commissioner will afford Settlement Officers such assistance as is required. In all other districts, the reports will be made by Deputy Commissioner through Commissioner. All reports and statements should reach the Financial Commissioner's Office during the first week of July at the latest.

STATEMENT

Sr. No.	Name of District	Name of tehsils	Year of Settlement
1.	Kangra	Kangra Tehsil, Palampur & Nurpur Tehsils, Dehra Tehsil, Hamirpur Tehsil (Now Distt.) Una Tehsil (Now District)	1917 } Now under 1916 } operations since 1918 } 1970 1914 (1.7.1970) 1914 (now under settlement)
2.	Kulu	Kulu including Seraj Rupi and Lahaul & Spiti	1949-52
3.	Chamba	Chamba District	1951-58
4.	Mandi	Mandi District	1959-70
5.	Bilaspur	Tehsil Bilaspur and Ghumarwin	1923-33 A.D.
6.	Kinnaur	Kalpa Tehsil Sangla" Nichar" Moorang" Pooh" S/Tehsil Hangrang	1926-28 A.D.
7.	Sirmur	Paunta Tehsil Renuka ,, Nahan ,, Pachhad ,,	Smt. 1987-88 B.K. } 1930 A.D. ,, -do- ,, -do- ,, -do- ,, 1952 B.K. } 1895 A.D.
8.	Solan	Solan Kandaghat Tehsil Nalagarh Tehsil Arki Tehsil	1915-16 A.D. 1965-66 B.K. (1908 A.D.) 1923-24 1908-10
9.	Simla	S/Tehsil Simla Rampur Tehsil Kumarsain Tehsil Rohru Tehsil Jubbai Tehsil Dhadhi Area Chopal Kotkhai Theog Suni Kasumpti (Junga & Koti Area)	1960-61 A.D. 1914-15 1949-50 1915-16 A.D. 1907 1949-50 1907 A.D. 1915-16 A.D. 1930-31 and 1948-49 (Part only) 1922 A.D. 1949-50 (Part only)