

DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION FOR IAS/HAS OFFICERS OF
HIMACHAL PRADESH.

OCTOBER, 2012.

Paper: 3 REVENUE LAW AND PROCEDURE

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. The amendment to the HP Land Revenue Act carried out in 2011 appears to have fundamentally altered the manner in which land records are updated". Would you agree with this statement? Is there cause for misgiving or is it a change for the better?

OR

"Land Revenue has not been the raison d'etre for maintaining land records by the state for a very long time." How is this reflected in the treatment of land revenue in Himachal Pradesh today? What changes have Acts, procedures and instructions undergone recently in line with the current focus?

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.

OR

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.3 "The changes in entitlement brought about by the new Rule 38 A under HP Tenancy and Land Reforms Act, 1972 notified on 23.12.2011 have reduced discretion". Discuss this statement.

Question No.4 Diversion of Village Common Land for any purpose has been dramatically circumscribed by a Supreme Court judgement in 'Jagpal Singh versus State of Punjab'. Discuss this statement in the context of the provision and recent changes in Himachal Pradesh.

OR

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

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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. 5

The HP Lease Rules have been rewritten recently. Discuss either:

Changes in entitlement and procedure introduced by the new Rules

OR

Changes in Rates introduced by the new Rules.

Question No. 6.

Discuss the major changes in the nature of certificates and issuing authorities in Chapter 28 of the HP Land Records Manual revised and notified on 09.01.2012.

OR

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.
