Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Home (Vigilance)


NOTIFICATION

In order to remove some discrepancies of the scheme to engage retired officers as Inquiry Officers to conduct departmental enquiries under rule 14 of CCS(CCA) Conduct Rules, which have been found/pointed out by various Administrative Secretaries in the COS meeting held on 25-7-2012, the Governor, Himachal Pradesh is pleased to modify the point No. 12 of this department’s previous Notification of even number dated 18-5-2011 (which is also available on the official website of H.P. Government at address: http://himachal.gov.in/home/Home/PDFs/18052011Vig.pdf).

In point No. 12 of previous notification, it was envisaged that:-

Inquiry Officer under this scheme, may be given a fixed lump sum honorarium of an amount not below ₹ 10,000/- and not exceeding ₹ 20,000/- per inquiry (to be determined in advance by negotiation) for such inquiries, where number of departmental witnesses to be examined is less than 10. For inquiries involving/required more than 10 witnesses, Appointing Authority will be at discretion to raise the honorarium to an amount not exceeding ₹ 40,000/- per inquiry.

The expenditure involved in paying to the Inquiry Officers towards honorarium, secretarial assistance and transport charges would be charged to the “OFFICE EXPENSES” or “OTHER CHARGES” SOE of the department’s budget.”
Now, after re-consideration, the above portion of point No. 12 has been decided to be amended as under:-

"Inquiry Officer under this scheme, may be given a fixed lump sum honorarium of an amount of ₹ 15,000/- per inquiry for such inquiries, where number of departmental witnesses to be examined is less than 10 and ₹ 25,000/- per inquiry for such inquiries where number of departmental witnesses to be examined is more than 10.

. The expenditure involved in paying to the Inquiry Officers towards honorarium, secretarial assistance and transport charges would be charged under “OTHER CHARGES” SOE of the department’s budget”

However, it has further been decided by the Government that the said amended rates of Honorarium will be paid only to such retired officers who are presently conducting departmental enquiries under this scheme and no departmental enquiry will be entrusted to the retired officers in future as the said scheme has also been decided to be discontinued after the completion of ongoing inquiry cases.

It is, therefore, requested to kindly ensure that,

I. The retired officers, already engaged as Inquiry Officers to conduct departmental enquiries under rule 14 of CCS (CCA) Conduct Rules, are given honorarium at revised fixed rates, instead of negotiable and expenses be charged under “OTHER CHARGES” SOE of the department’s budget by the concerned
Appointing/Disciplinary Authorities under your control, as mentioned above, and

II. In future, no departmental enquiry be assigned to the retired officer after the completion of ongoing enquiries

This amended notification may also be seen on the Vigilance Section link of Home Department on the H.P. Government official website at address: http://himachal.gov.in/home/Home/index.htm.

By order

Chief Secretary to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Copy for information and necessary action to:-

1. All Addl. Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2
2. LR-cum-Secretary (Law) to the Government of H.P., Shimla-2.
3. Pr. Secretary (Finance) to the Government of H.P. Shimla-2 w.r.t. his UO No. Fin(C) A(3)-16/96 dated 15-1-2013 (Dy. No. 52348383 dated 19-10-2012)
4. The Controller, Printing & Stationary, H.P. Shimla-5 with the request to publish this Notification in Rajpatra(Extra-Ordinary) and send 10 spare copies to this department.
5. Guard File.

Addl. Chief Secretary (Home/Vig.) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.