

File No. Per (AR) A (4)-3/2013 Part-I
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Personnel
Administrative Reforms

From

The Secretary (AR) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

To

1. All the Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
2. All the Heads of Departments in Himachal Pradesh.
3. All the Divisional Commissioner in H.P.
4. All the Deputy Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh.
5. The Registrar General, HP High Court, Shimla-1.
6. The Registrar of all Universities in Himachal Pradesh.
7. The MDs/Secretaries/Registrars of all the Boards/Corporations/Commissions/Autonomous bodies in HP.

Dated: Shimla-02, the 12th June, 2023

Subject: **Abolition of Affidavits – Introducing Self Certifications.**

Madam/Sir,

On the subject cited above, I am directed to invite your kind attention to this department O.M of even number dated 31st January, 2015 (copy enclosed), reiterated and clarified on 11th June, 2019, 18th January, 2020, 28th August, 2020 and 6th June, 2020 vide which directions of the Govt. were conveyed to immediately dispense with the practice of submission of Affidavits (on Stamp Papers attested by Magistrate/notaries) to prevent imposing undue cost and harassment to applicant/citizens for various purposes as demanded by lower level functionaries due to ignorance of law or continued as routine practice serving no purpose and same was replaced by self certification w.e.f 31-01-2015 except in those cases where Act/Rules specifically provide for furnishing of an Affidavit.

2 It is therefore, again reiterated and emphasized that any official asking for an Affidavit in the normal transaction of government business, unless Affidavit is required under a statutory provision, may invite appropriate action for defiance/violation of government directions, instead only a self certified declaration on plain paper will be obtained from such applicants.

3 The instructions may please be brought to the notice of all officers/officials under your control and ensure strict compliance under intimation to this department.

Yours faithfully,


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Government of Himachal Pradesh
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