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Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Personnel
Administrative Reforms

From

The Chief Secretary
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

To

All Administrative Secretaries to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

Dated: Shimla-2, the

9th April, 2025

Subject:-

Information Regarding directions passed by the Hon'ble High Court of H.P. in CWP No. 1511/2024.


Madam/Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of letter No. Nil dated 01-04-2025 and letter No.CWP 1511/2024-15669 dated 2nd April 2025, received from Addl. Advocate General, Himachal Pradesh in connection with the above-mentioned civil writ petition, which was listed before the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh on 28.03.2025 for filing reply on behalf of the Respondents/State. The Hon'ble Court while hearing the matter has observed that replies are not being filed within the prescribed time limits in a large number of cases involving the State Government, This delay has been causing inconvenience and hardship, particularly to litigants from economically weaker sections. The Hon'ble Court has expressed serious concern on this issue and has directed that the matter be brought to the notice of all Administrative Departments for immediate and appropriate action. In compliance to the said directions, all Administrative Departments are hereby requested to:-

- Ensure timely and effective filing of replies in all court matters concerning their respective departments.
- Establish a monitoring mechanism to track court cases and expedite the preparation, vetting, and submission of replies.
- Designate a nodal officer responsible for coordinating legal matters and ensuring adherence to timelines.

You are, therefore, requested to ensure strict and timely compliance with the above directions of the Hon'ble High Court. The matter may be taken seriously and necessary action initiated promptly, in letter and spirit, without any delay.

Yours faithfully,


(Shiy Mohan Singh Saini)
Joint Secretary (AR) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Phone No. 0177-2622498/2880400

Ends. No. As above Dated: Shimla-2 the April, 2025
Copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

1. The Ld. Addl. Advocate General, State of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001.
2. The Senior Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary to the GoHP.

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Joint Secretary (AR) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

No. CWP 1511/2024-15669
O/o the Advocate General,
State of Himachal Pradesh.

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Dated: Shimla, the 1st April, 2025.

O/o Chief Secretary
Dy. No. 2454
Dated 03/4/25
Himachal Pradesh

To
The Chief Secretary to the
Govt. of H.P., Shimla-2.

Subject:- Information Regarding directions passed by the Hon'ble High
Court of H.P. in CWP No. 1511/2024.

Sir,

It is to inform you that the above mentioned Civil Writ Petition was listed on 28.03.2025 before the Hon'ble High Court of H.P. for filing reply on behalf of the respondents/State. That at the time of hearing this matter, the Hon'ble Court has observed that in majority of cases filed against the respondent/State, replies are not being filed well within time, as a result thereof, poor litigants are suffering.

Sir, it is further informed that during the course of hearing of the above mentioned CWP Hon'ble High Court has specifically directed me to make available copy of order dated 28.03.2025 to your goodself, so that necessary directions are issued to all the Administrative Departments to ensure prompt filing of the reply in their Court cases. The Hon'ble High Court at the time of hearing of above mentioned case has also directed your goodself to report with regard to action taken by you pursuant to the directions issued by the Hon'ble Court and place on record the copy of the same before the next date of hearing i.e. 07.05.2025. (Copy of the order dated 28.03.2025 passed by the Hon'ble Court in CWP No. 1511/2024-titled as Ravinder Kumar Vs. State of H.P. and others is annexed for your ready reference).

You are, therefore, advised to comply with the order/directions of the Hon'ble High Court by issuing necessary directions to all Administrative Departments asking them to ensure prompt filing of the replies in their Court cases. Sir, you are also advised to file copy of record with regard to action taken by you in pursuant to the directions issued by the Hon'ble High Court well before the next date of hearing positively.

Please treat it as most urgent.

Yours sincerely
Rajat Kahol
(Rajat Kahol)

Addl. Advocate General,
State of Himachal Pradesh.
Mob. NO. 94189-00700

Encl^{ts} as above.

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Dr. R.K.S.

**Ravinder Kumar vs. State of Himachal Pradesh and
others**

CWP No.1511 of 2024

28.03.2025 Present Mr. Amit Singh Chandel, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocate General with Mr. Rajan Kahol, Mr. Vishal Panwar and Mr. B.C.Verma, Additional Advocate Generals and Mr. Ravi Chauhan, Deputy Advocate General, for the respondents/State.

Despite repeated opportunities, no reply has been filed on behalf of the respondent-State. Firstly on 11.03.2024, time was granted to the respondent-State to file reply, but no reply has been filed. Again on 22.05.2024 and 24.08.2024 time was granted to respondent-State to file reply, but yet no reply was filed. Lastly on 8.1.2025, learned Additional Registrar (Judicial) granted four weeks' time to file reply on behalf of the respondent-State. More than one year has passed, but till date, no reply has been filed.

Though, having taken note of aforesaid callous and indifferent attitude of respondent Nos. 1 to 4, there appears to be no justification to grant further time, but by way of indulgence and as a last opportunity, further four weeks' time, as prayed for is granted to respondent Nos. 1 to 4 to file reply, subject to cost amounting to Rs. 5000/-, which shall be deposited with Himachal Pradesh Bar Welfare Association.

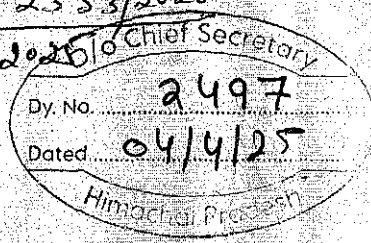
Since day in and day out this Court is witnessing that in majority of cases filed against the respondent-State, replies are not being filed well within time, as a result thereof, poor litigants are suffering, this Court deems it fit to direct learned Additional Advocate General to make available copy of this order to the Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh, so that necessary directions are issued to all the Administrative Departments to ensure prompt filing of the reply in the court cases. Report with regard to action taken by Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh pursuant to the directions issued by this Court, shall be placed on record before the next date of hearing.

List on 07.05.2025.

(Sandeep Sharma)
Judge

March 28, 2025
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5/4/2025



To
The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.

Subject: Regarding submission of replies/status reports/additional documents/
application for extension of time etc. well in time before the Hon'ble High
Court.

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S Sir has
desired that
instruction be
issued to
all Secretaries

Respected Sir,

It is to inform you that today i.e. 01.04.2025, while hearing the matters the
Hon'ble Court had taken note of the fact that the replies/status reports to be filed in various
matters were either being handed over in the Court in the morning itself or were filed one day
prior to listing of the case.

To this the Hon'ble Court has taken strict expansion and in turn had directed
that once actual dates have been fixed for all the matters while various Courts the
replies/status reports/additional documents/application for extension of time be filed well
within time else the same would not be taken on record and the matters would be argued
without any of them on the date of hearing.

You are, therefore, humbly requested to kindly take note of this oral
observation of the Hon'ble Court and pass directions accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

(PRANAY PRATAP SINGH)
Adjl. Advocate General
State of Himachal Pradesh
Mobile No. 7831055000

Dated: 1st April, 2025.

04.04.2025
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