

No. ADR-A003/4/2023-Admin Reforms
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Personnel
Administrative Reforms

From

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

To

1. All Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh
2. The Resident Commissioner,
HP Himachal Bhawan Sikandra Road New Delhi
3. All Head of Department's in Himachal Pradesh.
4. All the Divisional Commissioners in H.P.
5. All the Deputy Commissioners in H.P.
6. The Secretary to Governor, Himachal Pradesh Raj Bhawan, Shimla-2.
7. The Secretary, Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha Shimla-4.
8. The Secretary to Lokayukta, H.P. Shimla-2.
9. The Registrar General, H.P. High Court, Shimla-171001.
10. The Managing Directors/Chief Executive Officers/Secretaries/Registrars of all the Boards/Commissions/Corporations/Autonomous Bodies/PSUs Govt. Universities etc.

Dated: Shimla-2, the 27th November, 2024
Subject:- Providing third party information under provision of Section 8(1)(j) of RTI Act, 2005.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to say that time and again it has been appeared in print and electronic media and other social networking platforms that there are instances of bank frauds, where the scammers/frauders have invaded and exposed the privacy of others by ascertaining the personal information (mainly of bank accounts) under the provisions contained in RTI Act/ Rules.

Even the Hon'ble **Supreme Court/ Central Information Commission/State Information Commission** in many cases has held that personal details of an individual, including financial information, cannot be disclosed under the RTI Act unless it is shown that the disclosure serves a larger public interest.

Keeping in view the gravity of matter and to ensure the protection of the individuals from scammers and frauders, it is hereby conveyed that all the Public Information Officer's/First Appellate Authorities to determine the above stated facts while disclosing the personal information to third party under provision of Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005.

You are, therefore, requested to adhere to these instructions and also convey the same to the departments/offices under your control.

Yours faithfully,

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