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From

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh

To

- 1. All the Principal Advisors to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
- 2. All the Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
- 3. All the Heads of Departments, Himachal Pradesh.
- 4. All the Divisional Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh.
- 5. All the Deputy Commissioners of Districts in Himachal Pradesh.

Dated Shimla-2, the

22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2024

Subject:

Assignment of inquiries to IAS/HPAS officers - Prior permission thereof.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that it has been observed that Inquiries are being entrusted by certain Administrative Secretaries/Heads of Departments to IAS/HPAS officers who are not directly under their administrative control without prior approval of Department of Personnel.

In this regard, it may be mentioned that Department of Personnel being the Cadre Controlling Authority in respect of IAS/HPAS officers, henceforth, no Inquiry in any matter may be entrusted to an IAS/HPAS officer who is not under direct administrative control of concerned Administrative Secretary/Head of Department without the prior approval of the Department of Personnel. Just to elaborate, it may be permissible for a Secretary/HoD/DC to entrust any inquiry to an officer working directly

under him/her without consulting Department of Personnel. However, they may not be competent to assign inquiry to any IAS/HPAS officer working under some other Department/Office not under their administrative control.

You are requested to ensure that above mentioned instructions are strictly adhered to in future.

Yours faithfully,

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