

Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Personnel
Appointment-II

No. PER(AP-B)-A(1)-1/2022 Dated: Shimla-171002, the 21st February, 2023

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, in exercise of the powers conferred by article 162 read with proviso to article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Himachal Pradesh Staff Selection Commission (formerly H.P. Subordinate Services Selection Board), Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh, was constituted vide notification No. Per(AP.B)B(1)-1/98 dated 6th October, 1998 with the objective that the initial recruitment to various Class-III services or posts, under the Government of Himachal Pradesh, except the posts excluded from its purview, shall be made on the advice of the Commission.

Whereas, the acts of omissions & commission in the HPSSC, Hamirpur, did not only erode its credibility but also adversely affected the larger public interest. The Commission has not discharged its duties & responsibilities objectively, in a transparent manner as well as with due confidentiality to the detriment of the job aspirants. Therefore, the State Government, vide Order dated 26th December, 2022, suspended the functioning of the HPSSC, Hamirpur. The State Vigilance & Anti Corruption Bureau has registered 2 FIR's and investigation is underway. An enquiry was ordered to be conducted by the Dr. Abhishek Jain, IAS, Secretary (Education) to the Government of H.P. vide this department Order dated 31-12-2022 with the specific terms & conditions to inquire into the irregularities/ malpractices, suggest measure and systematic improvements to hold the recruitment process in a fair, transparent and objective manner, in particular suggest the way forward for the recruitment at various stages in the Commission and any other aspect/ area relevant to the enquiry.

Whereas, Dr. Abhishek Jain, IAS, Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh has submitted the report. It has been recommended to take various administrative



reforms as well as short/medium term interventions. It has been advised that the Government may consider structural and major revamping of the Commission in order to streamline and strength its functioning or take any other suitable decision including creation of a new recruitment body/agency to ensure fair and transparent recruitments.

Whereas, after going through the report submitted thoroughly and report of the SC&ACB, it has conclusively established that the integrity and credibility of the H.P. Staff Selection Commission is in doubt and it would not be in the public interest that the institution should continue in the current dispensation, therefore, it has administratively been decided that the HPSSC, Hamirpur may be abolished by rescinding its constitution notification dated 06-10-1998. The work of making recommendations for direct recruitment to the Class-III posts/services be brought in the purview of the HPPSC, Shimla, after prior consultation, by making necessary Amendment in the Schedule to the HPPSC (Exemption from Consultation) Regulations, 1973.

Whereas, establishment of an alternative Body and mechanism requires an in depth analysis, BPR studies, examination and understanding of an ideal recruitment agency with well set up an effective and efficient organizational structure equipped with modern tools, techniques and technology with inbuilt checks and balances. The process may take some time.

Whereas, the status report furnished by the ADG, SV&ACB has revealed that two FIR's have been registered in PS SV & ACB under various sections of the IPC, 1860 and PC Act 1988 (as amended from time to time). Findings till date have revealed gross irregularities/leakage of papers in the context of 18 different post codes. Dr. Abhishek Jain, IAS in his report has recommended various administrative reforms as well as short/medium term interventions. It has been advised that the Government may consider structural and major revamping of the Commission in order to streamline and strength its functioning or take any other suitable decision including



creation of a new recruitment body/agency to ensure fair and transparent recruitments.

And whereas, enquiry report submitted on 14-02-2023 has conclusively established that the integrity and credibility of the H.P. Staff Selection Commission is in doubt and it would not be in the interest of transparency, future of the candidates that the institution should continue in the current dispensation

Now, therefore, the Governor, Himachal Pradesh is pleased to hereby rescind the notification dated the 6th October, 1998 and abolish the H.P. Staff Selection Commission, Hamirpur except in respects of the things done or omitted to be done before such rescission, with immediate effect, in the public interest.

By Order,

Prabodh Saxena
Chief Secretary to the

Government of Himachal Pradesh

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A copy is forwarded to information and necessary action to:-

1. The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
2. All the Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
3. The Divisional Commissioners/Deputy Commissioners/Heads of Departments in Himachal Pradesh.
4. All the Managing Directors/Registrars/Secretaries etc. in all the Boards & Corporations/PSUs etc. in Himachal Pradesh.
5. The Secretary to Governor, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
6. The Secretary, H.P. Public Service Commission, Nigam Vihar, Shimla-171002.
7. The Deputy Commissioner, District Hamirpur, Hamirpur (H.P.)
8. The OSD, H.P. Staff Selection Commission, Hamirpur, District Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh, with the request to apprise the Chairman/Members of the Commission accordingly.
9. The Sr. Private Secretary to Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
10. The Controller (Finance & Accounts), Department of Personnel, H.P. Secretariat, Shimla-171002.
11. Guard file of the branch.

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