

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 24th June, 2026

Subject:-

Guidelines for providing information under the Right to Information Act, 2005 to the BPL families as determined by the State Government.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to say that it has come to the notice of the Government that the guidelines/instructions earlier issued by this department's letter No. Per (AR)E(5)-4/2006 dated 10th November, 2008 (copy enclosed for ready reference) are not strictly followed by the Public Information Officers and First Appellate Authorities of various departments as such, the Government has taken a serious cognizance for avoidance to defeat the above instructions issued for the BPL families under Right to Information Act.

It is, therefore, reiterated that in future, all applications and appeals received under the Right to Information Act, 2005 should strictly be examined and disposed of in the letter and spirit of ibid guidelines only at your own level.

This may also be brought to the notice of all concerned for strict compliance.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Swati Gupta)

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Government of Himachal Pradesh
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No. PBR (AR) E (5)-4/2006
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Administrative Reforms Organization

From

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

To

1. All the Administrative Secretaries,
to the Government of Himachal Pradesh
2. All the Head of the Departments
in Himachal Pradesh
3. All the Deputy Commissioners/Div. Commissioners
in Himachal Pradesh
4. All the Managing Directors of Boards/
Corporations in Himachal Pradesh.
5. All the Vice Chancellors of
Universities in Himachal Pradesh.

Dated: Shimla-171002, the 10th Nov., 2008

**Subject: Guidelines for providing information under the Right to Information
Act, 2005 to the BPL families as determined by the State Government.**

Sir,

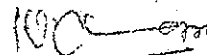
I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to say that as per provisions contained under Section 5 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and Rule 5 of the ILP, Right to Information Rules, 2006, the BPL families have been exempted from payment of fee for supply of information. At present the number of BPL families identified by the Rural Development Department in Himachal Pradesh is 282570. However, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Govt. of India, in 2005, intimated that the BPL households for ILP are 5.14 lacs. But the ILP, State Government has decided that the additional families over and above 2.82 lacs, will be entitled only for the subsidized foodgrains at the BPL rates and not other benefits.

It has come to the notice of the Government that those BPL families who are entitled only for the subsidized foodgrains and not other benefits, are also seeking information free of cost under the Right to Information Act, 2005. To make it more clear it is brought to your kind notice that the benefit of BPL is given on the basis of certificate issued by the Rural Development Department and not on the basis of ration card, which is issued only for the purpose of subsidized foodgrains at BPL rates.

It is, therefore requested that the benefit of supply of information free of cost as provided under Section 5 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and Rule 5 of the LLP Right to Information Rules, 2006 may kindly be given strictly on the basis of certificate issued by the Rural Development Department to the BPL families.

These instructions may kindly be brought to the notice of all the Appellate Authorities, PIO and APIOs for strict compliance on top priority basis.

Yours faithfully,



Deputy Secretary (AR) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh