No.PER(AP)-C-E(3)-1/2020
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Personnel(AP-III)

From

The Pr. Secretary (Personnel) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Shimla – 171002.

To

1. All Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh
2. All Divisional Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh
3. All Heads of Departments in Himachal Pradesh
4. All Deputy Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh
5. All the Chairmen/Managing Directors/Secretaries & Registrars of all the Public Sector Undertakings/ Coporations/Boards/Universities, etc., in H.P.

Dated: Shimla-171002, the 1st July, 2026.

Subject: Reservation in services for the children/grandchildren of Freedom Fighters – instructions regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to invite your kind attention to this Departmen letter No.Per(AP-II)D(2)-10/83, dated 16.10.1984 on the subject cited abo vide which 2% reservation to the wards of freedom fighters in the services of th State/State Public Sector Undertakings/Autonomous Bodies etc. in direc recruitment to Class-I, Class-II, Class-III and Class-IV (now Group-A, Group-B Group-C & Group-D) posts/services has been provided. The State Governmer vide this department's letter No.PER(AP)-C-F(4)-4/96, dated 05.05.200 clarified that the married daughters/granddaughters of freedom fighters sha not be entitled for the benefit of reservation meant for wards of freedom fighters.

2. Consequent upon the directions in judgment dated 14.08.2018 o the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh in CWPIL No.114/2017 titled a Court on its own motion versus State of Himachal Pradesh & others an judgment passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh in CW No.952/2019-titled as Banita Devi versus State of Himachal Pradesh & others the State Government vide letter of even number dated 17.03.2020, decided t extend the benefit of reservation to the married daughters and grand-daughter of freedom fighters also under the wards of freedom fighter reservation, subjec to the final outcome of the pending petitions for Special Leave to Appeal befor the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in the abovementioned cases.

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3. In pursuance of judgment dated 28.02.2024 passed by the Apex Court in SLP(C) No.31435 of 2016, titled as State of Himachal Pradesh & ors. Vs Neelam Kumari, the General Administration Department vide No.GAD-F-F(4)8/99-Part-II, dated 06.01.2026 has amended and notified the definition of dependents of Freedom Fighters. Accordingly, the State Government has decided to extend the benefit of reservation to the married daughters/grand-daughters of freedom fighters under the wards of freedom fighter reservation. Therefore, the instructions issued by the Government vide Department of Personnel's letter No.PER(AP)-C-F(4)-4/96, dated 05.05.2001 may be deemed to have been amended to this extent.

4. These instructions may be brought to the notice of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,

(Sant Raj Puharta)
Deputy Secretary (Personnel) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.
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Directorate of School Education
14 JUL 2026
Himachal Pradesh-171001

DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION
HIMACHAL PRADESH, LALPANI, SHIMLA-171001

Endorsement No: EDN (SE)-H(1)A(7) /2025 (PER), dated July, 2026

Copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Pr. Secy.(Personnel) to the Govt. of H.P. w.r.t. letter No. PER(AP)-C-E(3)-1/2020, dated 1st July, 2026.
2. The Additional Director (Schools), Directorate of School Education, H.P. Shimla-1.
3. The Joint Director (Schools), Directorate of School Education, H.P. Shimla-1.
4. The Joint Controller (F&AS), Directorate of School Education, H.P. Shimla-1.
5. The District Attorney, Directorate of School Education, H.P. Shimla-1.
6. All the Nodal/Branch Officer, Directorate of School Education, Shimla-1.
7. All the Deputy Director of Education (Elementary/Secondary/Quality) in Himachal Pradesh with the directions that these instructions also be brought to the notice of all concerned under their jurisdiction.
8. The Assistant Controller (F&AS), Directorate of School Education, H.P. Shimla-1.
9. All the Branch Superintendent/Incharge, Directorate of School Education H.P. Sml-1.
10. The Section Officer (F&AS), Directorate of School Education, H.P. Shimla-1.
11. The In-charge, IT Cell, Directorate of School Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1 with the remarks to upload the same on departmental website.
12. P.S. to Director School Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-01.
13. All the P.A. to Additional Director (Admn), Dte. of School Education, H.P.Shimla-1
14. Guard file.

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