

No. EDN(SE)-H(17)F(10)2025-26-Detention  
Directorate of School Education  
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001

Dated: Shimla-1 June, 2026.

To

1. All the Deputy Director of School Education, (Elementary/Secondary/ Quality), Himachal Pradesh.
2. All the Block Elementary Education Officer, Himachal Pradesh.

**Subject: - Regarding directions/guidelines for evaluation of answer sheets of Classes 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of private schools affiliated with HPBOSE.**

This is in reference to Government Letter No. EDUC-A03/2023-EDU-C(152585)-Loose dated 30.05.2026 (copy enclosed), vide which the instructions/guidelines issued on 02.09.2019 regarding the evaluation of answer sheets of Classes 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in Government schools as well as private schools affiliated with HPBOSE have been reviewed and modified.

It has been decided that the provisions contained in Paras 9, 10 and 11 of the instructions/guidelines dated 02.09.2019 shall not be applicable to private schools.

In respect of private schools, the evaluation of answer sheets of Classes 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> examinations shall be conducted by the concerned private schools at their own level in accordance with the applicable provisions of the RTE Act, Rules and instructions issued by the Government from time to time.

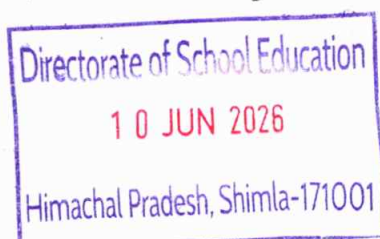
You are, therefore, directed to ensure that the above instructions/guidelines are brought to the notice of all concerned schools under their jurisdiction for strict compliance.

  
**DIRECTOR**

Endst. No. Even Dated: Shimla – 171001 the, June, 2026

Copy for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh w.r.t above referred letter dated 30.05.2026.
2. The Private Secretary to Education Minister, HP Shimla-2.
3. The State Project Director, Samagra, Shiksha, Himachal Pradesh.
4. The Secretary Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education, Dharamshala-176215, Himachal Pradesh.
5. Supdt., General Branch (Internal), Directorate of School Education.
6. The In-Charge, IT Cell, DSE, with the request to upload the same to the departmental website.
7. Guard File



  
**DIRECTOR**

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No. EDUC-A03/4/2023-EDU-C(152585)-Loose.

Government of Himachal Pradesh  
Department of School Education

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From:

Secretary (Education) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh

To

**The Director of School Education,  
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-01**

Dated: Shimla-171002, the

May, 2026

Subject: -

**Regarding directions/guidelines for evaluation of answer sheets of Classes 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of private schools affiliated with HPBOSE.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. EDN(SE)-H(17)F(10)/2025-26-Detention dated 02.04.2026 on the subject cited above and to say that the matter has been examined. After due consideration, it has been decided that the instructions/guidelines issued vide this Department's letter No. EDN-C-A(3)-2/2018 dated 02.09.2019 regarding the evaluation of answer sheets of Classes 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in Government schools as well as private schools affiliated with HPBoSE **are hereby modified as under:-**

1. Consequent upon the insertion of Rule 10A, namely "Manner and conditions subject to which a child may be held back", in the RTE HP Rules, 2025, the instructions/guidelines dated 02-09-2019 shall be deemed to have been issued under, and read in consonance with, Rule 10A of the RTE HP Rules, 2025.
2. The provisions contained in Paras 9, 10 and 11 of the instructions/guidelines dated 02-09-2019 shall not be applicable to private schools.
3. In respect of private schools, the evaluation of answer sheets for Classes 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> examinations shall be conducted by the concerned private schools at their own level.
4. All other instructions/guidelines shall remain unchanged.

You are, therefore, requested to take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

(Hem Singh)

Under Secretary (Education) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh

30<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

Endst. No. As above.

Dated: Shimla-2, the

Copy is forwarded to following for information and necessary action:-

1. The Private Secretary to Education Minister, HP, Shimla-2.
2. The State Project Director (Samagra Shiksha), HP, Shimla-1.
3. The Secretary, HP Board of School Education, Dharamshala, Distt. Kangra, HP.
4. All the Deputy Directors of School Education(Elementary), HP.
5. The the Block Elementary Education Officers (through Directorate of School Education), HP.
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Under Secretary (Education) to the  
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