

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Whereas, Sh. Dheeraj Chandel, Sr. Asstt. while posted in HPPWD Divn. Bhawarna was transferred to HPPWD Divn. Sangrah vide this office order No. PBW-B018(109)/2/2025-Estt-I Dated 04.07.2025 with the prior approval of competent authority conveyed vide U.O.No. Secy/CM-22013/2022-VIP-A-202692 dated 30.06.2025. Feeling aggrieved against these order Sh. Dheeraj Chandel, Sr. Asstt. filed a CWP No. 11893/2025 titled Dheeraj Chandel Vs State of HP & others which has now finally been decided by the Hon'ble High Court on 09.10.2025 with the following judgement: -

- 3. Pursuant to the notice issued in the instant proceedings, respondent-State has filed reply under the signatures of Engineer-in-Chief, Shimla, perusal whereof reveals that transfer order dated 04.07.2025 has been issued by the respondents in larger public interest. Most importantly, it has been specifically admitted in the reply that petitioner was transferred from HPPWD Division, Bhawarna to HPPWD Division, Sangrah vide impugned transfer order with the prior approval of competent authority conveyed vide UO No. Secy/ CM-22013/2022-VIP-A-202692 dated 30.06.2025, meaning thereby petitioner herein cannot be said to be transferred in public interest, rather on the basis of recommendation of some influential person. Reply filed by the respondents further reveals that petitioner was posted at present place of posting on 24.06.2024, meaning thereby has not completed normal tenure of posting of three years.**
- 4. Once transfer policy formulated by the Government of Himachal Pradesh prescribes for minimum period of three years at one station, coupled with the fact that no public interest or administrative exigency has been highlighted/mentioned in the reply, there appears to be merit in the contention of learned counsel for the petitioner that petitioner has been transferred to far flung area on the basis of U.O. Note issued by a political person.**
- 5. Having taken note of the fact that petitioner stands transferred from present place of posting to Sangrah on the basis of DO note, as detailed hereinabove, coupled with the fact that petitioner has not completed normal tenure of posting, this Court finds sufficient reasons to interfere with the impugned transfer order and as such, impugned transfer order dated 04.07.2025 (Annexure P-1) is quashed and set-aside. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.**

However, complete incumbency of Sh. Dheeraj Chandel, Sr. Asstt. is as under: -

Name	From	To	Station
Sh. Dheeraj Chandel	18.09.12	21.06.24	Tauni Devi Divn.
D.o.B-23.08.89 D.o.A-18.09.12	24.06.24	To date	Bhwarana Divn.

Now therefore, in compliance to the judgement passed by Hon'ble High Court of HP Shimla, transfer order of Sh. Dheeraj Chandel, Sr. Asstt. from HPPWD Divn. Bhawarna to HPPWD Divn. Sangrah as issued vide this office order No. PBW-B018(109)/2/2025-Estt-I Dated 04.07.2025 is hereby cancelled with immediate effect in the public interest. However, the department/competent authority reserves right to transfer him in accordance with transfer policy.

May inform the official accordingly.

Signed by

Narinder Pal Singh

Date: 23-10-2025 17:19:43
(Er. Narinder Pal Singh)

Engineer-in-Chief,
HPPWD Shimla-2.

Regd.

Sh. Dheeraj Chandel,
S/o Sh. Dev Raj Chandel
R/o Village Thathi, PO Tanpohol,
Tehsil Sujampur District Kangra HP.
Presently posted in HPPWD Divn. Bhawarna

No.PBW-B018(109)/2/2025-ESTT. - I (Comp.No.280461) dated

Copy to the following for information and necessary action:-

1. The Chief Engineer concerned in HPPWD.
2. The Superintending Engineer, concerned in HPPWD.
3. The Superintending Engineer, concerned in HPPWD.
4. The Executive Engineer, concerned in HPPWD.
5. The Nodal Officer (I.T) HPPWD Shimla-2 for uploading the same on departmental website.
6. Guard File.

Signed by

Vijay Kumar Dhiman

Date: 23-10-2025 17:31:50

(Vijay Kumar Dhima)
Registrar,
HPPWD Shimla-2.