

Himachal Pradesh
Public Works Department

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To

All the Superintending Engineers,
in HPPWDAll the Executive Engineers
in HPPWD.

Subject:-

Regarding reviewing and monitoring the pendency of
court cases by convening meetings at regular
intervals.

Of late it has been observed by the undersigned that no seriousness are being exhibited by the Circle/Divisional authorities in filing the replies to court cases, LPAs and SLPs, as the case may be, before the appropriate courts, despite conveying them the opinion/decision of the Government to do so well in time. In number of such cases, the delay in filing such replies, LPAs and SLPs resulted into dismissal of the same by the Hon'ble Courts considering the inordinate delays, thereby fixing the responsibility; consequently warranting initiation of departmental action(s) against erring/negligent officers/officials. During the course of such inquiries, the officers/officials makes a very vague averments and general statements for such inordinate delays on one pretext or another, which do not stand in the course of legal scrutiny of documents in filing appeals and rejection thereof resulted into initiation of departmental action(s) against negligent officers/officials. It is imperative that utmost care, diligence and dispatch is shown towards such important matters. The authorities concerned are bound to review and monitor the pendency of such matters by convening meetings at regular intervals at their end and take appropriate steps thereon as per the procedure. The court cases register play a very vital and essential role in reviewing and monitoring the pendency of such cases, but the failure that took place in many divisions also demonstrates that either such registers are not maintained or updated by the respective authorities. The concerned EEs are not only supposed to get themselves familiar with the financial matters, ongoing projects budgetary provisions of divisions they are looking after, but utmost care, diligence and top priority should be assigned in reviewing and monitoring other pending issues i.e. court cases/RTI matters and other important matters of their respective divisions.

You are, therefore, directed to look into the matter and ensure that not only the court cases register, as per requirement of procedure, are maintained at divisional/sub-divisional level but also ensure updating thereof in time. In order to monitor and track the pendency of such cases, meetings at regular intervals be convened at your respective end as per established practice.

ANY DEPARTURE TO THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE VIEWED SERIOUSLY.

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Engineer-in-Chief,
HPPWD Shimla-2

Copy to the Executive Engineer (IT) with the directions to upload these instructions on the official website of department.

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