HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

"OFFICE ORDER"

Whereas, the seniority list in respect of Junior Engineer(c) working in Public Works Department was circulated by this office on 18.04.2017. As the issue with respect to fixation of seniority amongst Junior Engineer(c) working in Public Works Department was pending adjudication in the courts for long and a CWP(T) no. 6785 of 2008 was decided by the Hon'ble High Court on 14.09.2010 with a directions to the respondent department to consider the case of petitioner for counting the service of petitioner rendered on contract basis for seniority etc. on the basis of principles laid down in the Direct Recruits Class-II Engineers Officer Association Vs State of Maharashtra case. This office in compliance to the directions of the court, issued tentative seniority list and invited objections from all the concerned vide letter dated 14.08.2017. In the meanwhile L.P.A. No. 109/2017 on the issue titled as Lekh Raj versus State was decided by Hon'ble High Court on 14.03.18 by common judgment along with four other writ petitions including CWP 2837/17 filed by Petitioner Sh. Praveen Kumar Verma, on the basis of direction passed in CWP No. 1205/2017 titled as Ravi Shanker versus State of H.P. in which directions were issued to prepare provisional seniority list and after affording opportunity of hearing to all concerned finalize the seniority in accordance with law. Accordingly, the objections were received from all the affected Junior Engineer(s) and after affording an opportunity of being hearing to all concerned, the objections of both the parties were considered, in view of principles of law laid down in relied upon case of "Maharashtra Engineering" and the office of the undersigned vide speaking order dated 06.04.2018 found the case of petitioner not fit for grant of claimed benefit and accordingly rejected the same, by way of speaking order dated 06.04.2018. The tentative seniority list was withdrawn by this speaking order and the seniority already issued on 18.04.2017 was finalized. The order passed by the office of the undersigned was made subject matter of COPC No. 1/2018 before the Hon'ble High Court which was taken up for hearing along with five other contempt petitions by the Hon'ble High Court. After hearing both the parties, the contempt petitions have been dismissed by the Hon'ble High Court vide judgment dated 30.05.2019. Accordingly, the final seniority list already issued on 18.04.2017 stands finalised.

Engineer-in-Chief H.P. PWD,Shimla-2

File No. PWE-126-79-Seniority List-JE(Civil)/ES-III-3475-3585 dated:-29-6-2019 Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

- 1. The Addl. Chief Secretary (PW) to the Govt. of H.P.
- 2. The Engineer-in-Chief, I & PH Department,
- 3. All the C.E,S.E. & E.E. in H.P. PWD.
- 4. The Director, Rural Development Department, Shimla-9.
- 5. The Director, Urban Development Department, Shimla-9.
- 6. The Joint Director (Legal) in this office.
- 7. The Superintendent Establishment-II in this office.
- 8. All the concerned.

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