

MOST URGENT

No. PWD-A-F(10)/1/2021
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Public Works Department

From

The Principal Secretary (PW) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

To

The Engineer-in-Chief, HPPWD
Nigam Vihar, Shimla-171002.

Dated: Shimla-2, the 04/08/2026.

Subject:-

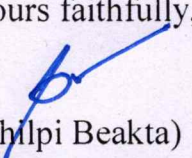
Timely filing of Appeals, replies, affidavits and other
pleadings before the Hon'ble Courts-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to letter No. ADR-E005/1/2023-Admin Reforms, dated 28-07-2026 (copy enclosed) received from the Secretary (AR) to the Government of HP addressed to this department as well as to you on the subject cited above and to say that vide this department letter dated 31-07-2026, instructions for strengthening of the Litigation Management, timely filing of appeals, fixing accountability, ensuring effective implementation of the HP State Litigation Policy etc. have already been communicated to you.

You are, therefore, once again requested to ensure circulation of ibid instructions to all concerned for strict compliance under intimation to this department.

Yours faithfully,


(Shilpi Beakta)
Additional Secretary (PW) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

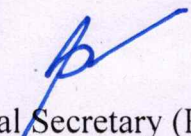
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Dated: Shimla-2, the 04/08/2026.

Copy to the following for information & necessary action:-

1. The Secretary (AR) to the Government of HP w.r.t. letter No. referred to above for information.
2. The Special Secy. / Addl. Secy. / Under Secy. (PW) to the Government of HP

3. All the Chief Engineers / Chief Architects / Superintending Engineers / Executive Engineers / Assistant Engineers in HPPWD.
4. The District Attorney, office of ENC, HPPWD, Shimla-2.
5. The Section Officer (PWD-A, PWD-B & PWD-C) Section, HP Secretariat, Shimla-2.
6. The Nodal Officer (IT) office of ENC, HPPWD, Shimla-2 for uploading the instructions in the official website.


Additional Secretary (PW) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

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File No. ADR-E005/1/2023-Admin Reforms
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Personnel
Administrative Reforms Organization

From

The Chief Secretary to the,
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

To

1. All Administrative Secretaries to the,
Government of Himachal Pradesh.
2. All Head of Departments in Himachal Pradesh.

Dated : Shimla-02, the 28th July, 2026

Subject:

Timely filing of Appeals, replies, affidavits and other
pleadings before the Hon'ble Courts – reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to say that negligence on the part of the HoDs/Officers in carefully examining the Hon'ble High Court orders and exploring appropriate legal remedies to safeguard the interest of the state has become an increasingly common concern. Instead of undertaking thorough legal assessment and seeking timely advice on available options such as filing an appeal, seeking a review and obtaining clarification where warranted, some departments allow adverse judicial orders to attain finality. Such inaction or delay can result in significant financial loss, administrative complications and erosion of state's legal position. Accordingly, where it is established that an HoD has failed to exercise his duties in this regard leading to avoidable loss to state, he /she will be held responsible and accountable in accordance with the applicable service rules.

You are, therefore, requested to ensure that above directions are complied in letter and spirit.

"This shall be given top priority".

(Shainamol A)
Secretary (AR) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Phone No. 0177-2620560

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