

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

NO.PWE-94-82 (Misc)/29-ES-I 915713
From

Dated:- 07-07-2026

Engineer-in-Chief,
HP.PWD, Shimla-2.

To

The Engineer-in-Chief (Projects)HPPWD,
The Chief Architect HPPWD, Shimla,
All the Chief Engineer (s) HPPWD,
All the Superintending Engineer (s) HPPWD,
All the Executive Engineer(s) HPPWD,
LAOs Shimla/Mandi /Kangra HPPWD,

Subject: - Reservation in services for the children/grandchildren of Freedom fighters –instructions regarding.

I am to enclose herewith a copy of letter No. Per (AP)-C-E(3)-1/2020- dated 01-07-2026 received from Principal Secretary (Personnel) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla on the subject cited above for information and taking necessary action in the matter.

Encl: As Above.

Your faithfully,

Digitally signed by

SOM BHARDWAJ

Date: 07-07-2026

Regd. No. 1844/30

Himachal Pradesh, PWD

Shimla-2

Copy forwarded for information and similar necessary action to:-

1.The Executive Engineer (IT Wing) HP.PWD Shimla-2 with direction to upload this letter a/w its enclosures on the official website of the Department.

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Registrar,
Himachal Pradesh, PWD,
Shimla-2

From

The Pr. Secretary (Personnel) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Shimla - 171002.

To

1. All Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh
2. All Divisional Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh
3. All Heads of Departments in Himachal Pradesh
4. All Deputy Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh
5. All the Chairmen/Managing Directors/Secretaries & Registrars of all the Public Sector Undertakings/Corporations/Boards/Universities, etc., in H.P.

Dated: Shimla-171002, the **1st July, 2026.**

Subject: Reservation in services for the children/grandchildren of
Freedom Fighters - instructions regarding.
Sir,

I am directed to invite your kind attention to this Department's letter No.Per(AP-II)D(2)-10/83, dated 16.10.1984 on the subject cited above vide which 2% reservation to the wards of freedom fighters in the services of the State/State Public Sector Undertakings/Autonomous Bodies etc. in direct recruitment to Class-I, Class-II, Class-III and Class-IV (now Group-A, Group-B, Group-C & Group-D) posts/services has been provided. The State Government vide this department's letter No.PER(AP)-C-F(4)-4/96, dated 05.05.2001 clarified that the married daughters/granddaughters of freedom fighters shall not be entitled for the benefit of reservation meant for wards of freedom fighters.

2. Consequent upon the directions in judgment dated 14.08.2018 of the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh in CWPII No.114/2017 titled as Court on its own motion versus State of Himachal Pradesh & others and judgment passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh in CWP No.952/2019-titled as Banita Devi versus State of Himachal Pradesh & others, the State Government vide letter of even number dated 17.03.2020, decided to extend the benefit of reservation to the married daughters and grand-daughters of freedom fighters also under the wards of freedom fighter reservation, subject to the final outcome of the pending petitions for Special Leave to Appeal before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in the abovementioned cases.

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3. In pursuance of judgment dated 28.02.2024 passed by the Apex Court in SLP(C) No.31435 of 2016, titled as State of Himachal Pradesh & ors. Vs Neelam Kumari, the General Administration Department vide No.GAD-F-F(4)8/99-Part-II, dated 06.01.2026 has amended and notified the definition of dependents of Freedom Fighters. Accordingly, the State Government has decided to extend the benefit of reservation to the married daughters/grand-daughters of freedom fighters under the wards of freedom fighter reservation. Therefore, the instructions issued by the Government vide Department of Personnel's letter No.PER(AP)-C-F(4)-4/96, dated 05.05.2001 may be deemed to have been amended to this extent.

4. These instructions may be brought to the notice of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,


(Sant Raj Puharta)
Deputy Secretary (Personnel) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.
Tel.No.0177-2880851

Endst.No.Per(AP)-C-E(3)-1/2020 Dated: Shimla the **1st July, 2026**
Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. The Secretary to the Governor, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
2. The Secretary, H. P. Vidhan Sabha, Shimla -171004.
3. The Registrar, H.P. High Court, Shimla-171001.
4. The Secretary, H.P. Public Service Commission, Shimla.
5. The Secretary, Himachal Pradesh Rajya Chayan Aayog, Hamirpur-171001.


Deputy Secretary (Personnel) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh
