

HIMACHAL PRADESH  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Subject: - Imposing a complete ban on Transfers-  
regarding.

Enclosed please find herewith a photocopy of letter No.Per (AP-B)B(6)-1/2013 dated 06.04.2026 alongwith its enclosures received from the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla on the subject cited above. He is requested to display above letter on the official website of the department at the earliest please .

Encl:As Above.

Signed by  
Som Bhardwaj  
Date: 16-04-2026 17:36:38

Registrar,  
Himachal Pradesh, PWD,  
Nigam Vihar, Shimla-2

The Executive Engineer (IT),  
HP.PWD, Shimla-2

No.PWE-94-82 (Misc)/29-ES-I- 856344

Dated:- 16-04-2026



No. Per (AP-B) B (6)-1/2013  
Government of Himachal Pradesh  
Department of Personnel  
(Appointment-II)

From

The Chief Secretary to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh

To

1. All the Administrative Secretary to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh
2. All the Head of Departments in Himachal Pradesh
3. All the Divisional Commissioners /  
Deputy Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh
4. All the Managing Directors/ Registrars/Secretaries of  
Boards/ Corporations/ Universities/ Autonomous Bodies in  
Himachal Pradesh

Dated Shimla-171002, the 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

**Subject**

**Imposing a complete ban on Transfers- regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to invite your attention to this Department's letter of even number dated the 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 vide which ban on transfer in respect of Group-C and Group-D official (except teaching cadres of Education and Technical Education Department) was lifted till 31.03.2026.

2. It has been brought to the notice of the Government that various election-related activities are presently underway at the field level, which require continuous supervision and uninterrupted presence of officers/officials deployed for the said purpose. Any disturbance in the deployment of such personnel may adversely affect the timely and smooth conduct of the election process.

3. Further, as per the provisions contained in :-

- Section 160(3) and 160E of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994,
- Section 281(3) and (4) of the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Act, 1994, and

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- Section 9(2) and 9E of the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act, 1994,

the officers/officials engaged in preparation of electoral rolls and conduct of elections shall be deemed to be on deputation with the State Election Commission and shall remain under its control, superintendence and discipline during the period of such deployment.

4. In view of the above, and in order to ensure free, fair and timely conduct of elections, a complete ban is hereby imposed on the transfer of officers / officials including those who are directly or indirectly connected with the conduct of Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies elections till further orders.

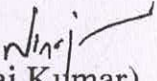
5. However, in exceptional and unavoidable circumstances, where transfer becomes absolutely necessary, the following procedure shall be strictly adhered to:

- Prior concurrence of the State Election Commission must be obtained.
- The concerned Administrative Department shall certify that:
  - (i) the officer/official is not deployed on election duty; or
  - (ii) the transfer is necessitated due to bona fide reasons such as serious health issues, disciplinary proceedings, or compliance with Hon'ble Court orders.
- The transfer order shall explicitly mention that prior concurrence of the State Election Commission has been obtained.
- It is further directed that in the absence of such explicit mention, the concerned officer/official shall not relinquish charge.
- The Head of Office shall ensure that such officer/official is not **relieved**, and any deviation in this regard shall render the concerned Head of Office personally responsible.

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6. All above authorities shall ensure strict and meticulous compliance of these instructions. The above instructions shall also be brought to the notice of all concerned officers/officials for strict compliance. Any violation shall be viewed seriously.

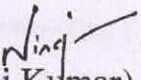
Yours faithfully,

  
(Niraj Kumar)

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Government of Himachal Pradesh  
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Endst No. As above      Dated Shimla-171002, the 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

Copy to the Secretary, State Election Commission,  
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002 w.e.r.t. their letter No. SEC(F)1-  
45/2-24-I-7554-7729, dated the 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 for information.

  
(Niraj Kumar)

Joint Secretary (Personnel) to the  
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