

**Proceedings of the meeting held under the chairmanship of the Worthy Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh on 16-09-2025 at 5:00 PM to discuss issues on State Data Centre and other investment related opportunities in the State of HP**

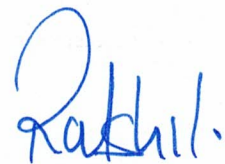
List of Officers present in the meeting is placed at **Annexure-A**.

A meeting was held in the office chamber of the Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh to review the status of investments in the field of Data Centres and to formulate future strategies for promoting investments in the State of HP. Gist of the discussions held and decisions taken during the meeting are as follows:

1. The Principal Advisor (Innovation, Digital Technologies & Governance) to the Hon'ble Chief Minister informed that he had held discussions with NTT Data, a leading global data centre operator managing over 150 data centres worldwide, including 21 in India.
  - a) NTT's facilities in Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Chennai are equipped with advanced infrastructure such as high-power density, reliable power and cooling systems, and multiple connectivity options, including submarine fiber-optic cables.
  - b) NTT highlighted that rapidly evolving technology requires large computing facilities with high-speed, uninterrupted connectivity. However, NTT expressed concerns that Himachal Pradesh currently lacks the telecom reliability and redundancy necessary for large-scale data centre operations. Further, concerns have been raised regarding the seismic vulnerability and landslide prone situation in the State of Himachal Pradesh.
  - c) NTT suggested that the State should instead focus on attracting smaller technology companies to invest in Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Principal Advisor proposed that Artificial Intelligence (AI) should be identified as a priority sector for the State and that startups should be encouraged to establish their base in Himachal Pradesh. The following actions were recommended:
  - a) The Department of Digital Technologies & Governance (DDTG) should be allowed to develop the Wagnaghat site and Chaitru site as an IT Park and

- prepare a blueprint for the same, either through HPPWD or by engaging a private agency. Funding support will be required for this purpose.
- b) Plotting of the site should be undertaken based on the approved blueprint, after which DDTG can begin allotting plots to interested parties.
  - c) Basic infrastructure facilities such as roads, electricity, and water already exist but may be augmented as needed.
  - d) DDTG has already drafted a policy for leasing land/buildings to IT/ITES companies and the same should be submitted to the State Government for approval.
3. The Additional Chief Secretary (Industries) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh informed that funds have been received under the PM Gati Shakti Project for the development of IT Parks in Himachal Pradesh. It was decided that these funds can be transferred to DDTG for preparing blueprints for IT Parks at Waknaghat (Solan District), Kangra or any suitable site in the State. Land can be allotted to interested parties at circle rates, which will help generate employment opportunities.
4. After detailed discussions, the following decisions were finalized:
- a) The proposal to invite large-scale investments in Data Centres in Himachal Pradesh is not feasible at present. The State Government will instead focus on developing IT infrastructure and attracting startups and small companies in niche sectors such as AI / ML and/ or software development.
  - b) The State Government will align its IT Policy with the Industrial Policy to ensure coherence and ease of investment.
  - c) DDTG will prepare a blueprint for the IT Park site at Waknaghat or any other suitable location, such as Kangra. If necessary, the services of IITs may be engaged for preparing the blueprint.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the chair.



Secretary (DTG) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh

**List of Officers present in the meeting**

1. Sh. Gokul Butail, Pr. Advisor (Innovation, Digital Technologies and Governance) to the Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh
2. Sh. R. D. Nazeem, Additional Chief Secretary Industries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh
3. Sh. Ashish Singhmar, Secretary SJ&E to the Government of Himachal Pradesh
4. Ms. Rakhil Kahlon, Secretary DTG to the Government of Himachal Pradesh
5. Sh. Aditya Negi MD, HPSEBL
6. Dr. Yunus, Director Industries, Himachal Pradesh
7. Dr. Nipun Jindal, Director DTG, Himachal Pradesh
8. Sh. Rajeev Sharma, Additional Director DTG, Himachal Pradesh