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No. SEC(F)1-45/2024-I-

Dated

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March, 2026.

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Shimla-2.

Subject :-

Ban on Transfers.

Sir,

On the above cited subject, you may be aware that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India while disposing of the SLP (C) No. 5451 of 2026 has directed that the elections of Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies shall be completed by 31.05.2026. Accordingly, the Commission has issued program for the special revision of electoral rolls of Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies. Besides this, various other activities related to Local Body elections are also going on at the field level which require uninterrupted supervision/presence of officers/officials involved in conduct of Local Body elections. Hence, in the interest of continuity and smooth conduct of these elections, it is necessary that these officers/officials are not disturbed during the election process.

Further, Section 160(3), 160E of HP Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, Section 281(3) and (4) of the HP Municipal Act, 1994, Section 9(2) and 9E of the HP Municipal Corporation Act, 1994 provides that the officers or staff employed in connection with the preparation of electoral rolls and conduct of elections etc shall be deemed to be on deputation with the Commission for the period during which they are so employed and such officers and staff shall, during that period, be subject to the control, superintendence and discipline of the Commission.

Therefore, the Commission in exercise of powers mentioned hereinabove, hereby imposes ban on transfer of officers/officials directly connected with the conduct of these elections till the election process is completed. If any order is to be issued in unavoidable circumstances, the concerned department shall seek prior concurrence of the Commission certifying that the Officer/Official is not deployed on any duty in connection with election or that the transfer is for bonafide reasons such as health issues of the official/disciplinary reasons/Hon'ble Court orders etc. The order issuing authority will expressly state in transfer orders that prior concurrence of the Commission has been obtained. In the absence of such statement, the transferred officer/official will not relinquish the charge or if the transferred officer/official is to be relieved, the Head of Office will not relieve him/her without seeking prior concurrence of the Commission, failing which the Head of Office concerned shall be held responsible.

I am directed to request you to bring this into the notice of all Administrative Secretaries and Head of Departments in the interest of free, fair, independent and smooth conduct of elections to PRIs and ULBs.

Yours faithfully,

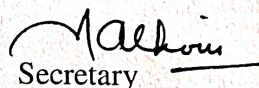
(Surjeet Singh Rathore)
Secretary
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Copy to the following for information and necessary compliance:-

1. All the Administrative Secretaries Himachal Pradesh.
2. All the Head of Departments Himachal Pradesh.
3. The Director Panchayati Raj Department Himachal Pradesh.
4. The Director Urban Development Department Himachal Pradesh.
5. All the Deputy Commissioners Himachal Pradesh.


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State Election Commission
Himachal Pradesh.