Directorate of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh 10 JUN 2020 Shimla-171001 the Dated To All the Deputy Directors of Hr. Education, Himachal Pradesh Reservation in service for the children/grandchildren for Freedom Subject: Fighters-Instructions regarding. Sir. towards Letter No. EDNinvited attention Your dated 21.05.2020 received from the Principal Secretary (Edu.) to the Govt. of B-B(16)-8/2020 Himachal Pradesh, addressed to the Director of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh, on the subject cited above (copy enclosed) to take for further necessary action in the matter accordingly. Encls: As above (Dr.Sonia Thakur, HAS) Addl. Director Hr. Education (Admn.) Himachal Pradesh email:dhe-sml-hp@gov.in 0177-2658052 Endst. No. Even Dated Shimla-171001, the Copy to:-The Principal Secretary (Edu.) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh w. r. t. your Letter No. EDN-B-B(16)-8/2020 dated 21.05.2020 for information please. All the BO/Superintendent Establishment Branches, Directorate of Higher Education H.P. with 2. the remarks that to take further necessary action in the matter accordingly. The Incharge Computer Cell, Dte. of Hr. Education, H.P with the remarks to upload the said orders on the deptt. Website. Guard File. 4. Addl. Director Hr. Education (Admn.)

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Government of Himachal Pradesh Higher Education Department

From

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

To

The Director of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-01.

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Subject -:

Reservation in services for the children/grandchildren of Freedom Fighters-Instructions regarding.

matter.

I am directed to invite your attention to the letter No. PER(AP)-C-E(3)-1/2020 dated 17th March, 2020 received the Deputy Secretary (Personnel) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, which is addressed to all the Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh as well as to all the HODs in H.P. among others on the subject cited above and to request you to take further necessary action in the

Yours faithfully,

Government of Himachal Pradesh

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No.PER(AP)-C-E(3)-1/2020 Government of Himachal Pradesh Department of Personnel (AP-III)

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17TH March, 2020

From

The Additional Chief Secretary (Personnel) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

To

1. All Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

2. All Divisional Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh.

3. All Head 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.

Subject:

Reservation in services for the children/grandchildren of Freedom Fighters-Instructions regarding.

Madam/Sir.

I am directed to say that the State Government has provided 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 posts/ services vide Department of Personnel's letter No.Per(AP-II)D(2)-10/83, dated 16.10.1984. The State Government vide this department's letter No.PER(AP)-C-F(4)-4/96. dated 05.05.2001, has issued instructions specifying therein that the married daughters/granddaughters of freedom fighters shall not be entitled for the benefit of reservation meant for wards of freedom fighters.

In this regard, it is intimated that the Honble High Court of 2. Himachal Pradesh in CWPIL No.114/2017 titled as Court on its own motion versus of State of Himachal Pradesh & others vide judgment dated 14.08.2018 has held that the State Government cannot discriminate on the ground of gender while giving benefit of reservation only to the married sons and not the married daughters and the same was held to be contrary to the provisions of Article 14 & 15 of the Constitution of India and accordingly. the said notification was quashed and set aside. The judgment passed by the Hon'ble High Court in CWPIL No.114/2017 was challenged by the General Administration Department before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Special Leave Petition No.29708/2019 (Diary No.19577/2019)-titled as State of Himachal Pradesh & another versus the High Court of Himachal

Pradesh which is tagged with one similar matter pending before the Hon'ble Apex Court as SLP No.31435/2016 State of H.P. versus Neelam Kumari.

- 3. It is further intimated that the General Administration Department in compliance to 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 has issued instructions vide letter No.GAD-E-(E)3-3/2019, dated 26.07.2019 & 23.09.2019 to all the Deputy Commissioners/SDMs of Himachal Pradesh to issue provisional ward of freedom fighter certificate to the married daughters/granddaughters of freedom fighters. However, the judgment and order dated 11.06.2019 in CWP No.952/2019 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh has also been assailed before the Hon'ble Apex Court which is also tagged with SLP(C) No. 31435/2016.
- 4. Therefore, the State Government has 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. Hence, the instructions issued by the State 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. These instructions may be brought to the notice of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,

(O.F.Bhandari)

Deputy Secretary (Personnel) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh. Tel.No. 0177-2626097

17^{TU}March, 2020

Endst.No.Per(AP)-C-E(3)-1/2020 Dated: Shimla the 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, H.P. Staff Selection Commission, Hamirpur.

Deputy Secretary (Personnel) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh

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