No. EDN-HE(16)B(15)RTI-01/2022- AR Directorate of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh. Shimla- 171001 the Dated:

Most Urgent RTI Matter 2 9 AUG 2023 29th August, 2023

To

1. All the PIO-cum-Principals Govt. Colleges/Sanskrit Colleges/ SCERT Solan / GCTE Dharamshala in H.P.

2. All the Appellate Authorities/PIOs-cum-Deputy Directors of Higher Education in H.P.

Subject:

Issues in disposal of RTI Applications/Appeals on RTI portal.

In compliance to the Secretary (AR) to the Govt. of H.P. letter No. Per(AR)F(10)13/2022 dated 03rd August, 2023 on the subject cited above (Copy enclosed) vide which inform that the H.P. State Information Commission has brought the following into the notice:

"H.P. State Information Commission time again observed that neither the RTI applications and First Appeals filed through Online RTI Portal are being disposed of smoothly nor the online RTI portal is being regularly monitored by the respective PIOs and First Appellate Authorities which cause hardship to the information seekers as well as increase of volume of second appeals filed in the H.P. State Information Commission".

In view of above, necessary direction in the said matter has already been given to you vide this office letter of even number on 02.08.2023. However, you are hereby again directed to login/monitor the Online RTI Portal in a regular manner and to dispose of all received/pending RTI applications and Appeals as per RTI Act and Rules in a time bound manner. It is further also informed that if any PIOs & FAAs do not have credentials (user ID & Password) to login the online RTI Portal, the same may be conveyed to this directorate with the detail of PIOs & FAAs immediately so that further action in the matter could be taken accordingly.

> (Dr. Amarjeet K. Sharma) Director of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1. Phone No. 0177-2656621

Endst. No.: As above,

dated, Shimla-171001, the

29th August, 2023

1. The Secretary (Education) to the Govt. of HP for information, please. Copy to:

2. The Secretary (AR) to the Govt. of HP w.r.t. letter No. as referred above for information, please.

3. The Nodal Officer (RTI)/F.A.A.-cum- Addl. Director Higher Education (Admn.), Directorate of Higher Education, HP, Shimla-1 for information.

The Supdt., IT Cell, Directorate of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla with the direction to upload the said letter on the official website.

> Director of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1.

From

To

No. Per. (AR)F(10)13/2022 Government of Himachal Pradesh Department of Personnel Administrative Reforms

Secretary (AR) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh 2 2 AUG 2023

Branch RTF

1. All the Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-02

2. All the Heads of the Departments/ Corporations/ Boards/ Commissions/Universities/PSUs etc. Himachal Pradesh.

3. All the Divisional/Deputy Commissioners Himachal Pradesh

Dated: Shimla-02 the,

3rd August, 2023

Subject:

Issues in disposal of RTI Applications/Appeals on RTI portal.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to invite your kind attention to this department letter of even number dated 20th July, 2023 (copy enclosed) on the subject cited above and to say that H.P. State Information Commission time and again observed that neither the RTI applications and First Appeals filed through Online RTI Portal are being disposed of smoothly nor the online RTI portal is being regularly monitored by the respective PIOs and First Appellate Authorities which cause hardship to the information seekers as well as in increase of volume of second appeals filed in the H.P. State Information Commission.

As such, you are once again requested to issue direction to the PIOs & FAAs working under your control to login to/monitor the online RTI portal in a regular manner and to dispose of all received/pending RTI applications and Appeals as per RTI Act and Rules in a time bound manner. It is also informed that if any PIOs & FAAs of Department/Board/Corporation etc. do not have credentials (user ID & Password) to login to the online RTI portal the same may be conveyed to this department (arbr-hp@nic.in) with the detail of PIO & FAA for further necessary action.

ours faithfully,

(Vijay Kumar) Special Secretary (AR) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh Phone No 0177-2622498

Endst. No. As above Dated Shimla-02 the,

Copy forwarded the Secretary, H.P. State Information Commission, Keonthal Complex Khalini, Shimla-02, w.r.t. your letter No.SIC-46/2023-1986 dated 21-07-2023 for information and necessary action.

Special Secretary (AR) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh

No. Per. (AR)F(10)13/2022 Government of Himachal Pradesh Department of Personnel Administrative Reforms

From

Secretary (AR) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh

To

1. All the Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-02

2. All the Heads of the Departments/ Corporations/ Boards/ Commissions/Universities/PSUs etc. Himachal Pradesh.

3. All the Divisional/Deputy Commissioners Himachal Pradesh

Dated: Shimla-02 The

20th July, 2023

Subject:

Regarding resolving of online submitted RTI applications/appeals on the dashboard of PIOs/FAAs.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to inform you that the H.P. State Information Commission has brought the following into the notice of this department:-

> "HP State Information Commission has been receiving most of the online second appeals against the RTI applications which are neither responded by the PIO nor by the First Appellate Authorities of various public authorities. This is either the lack of awareness about the online RTI portal among the PIOs or they don't have login credentials of Online RTI Application. This is resulting in increase of the volume of second appeals filed in the State Information Commission"

In view of above you are informed that this Department has issued credentials to PIOs & FAAs to all the departments and also requested that if any Department/Board/Corporation etc. do not receive same then they can contact with list of PIO & FAA. Further it is requested that kindly inform all your PIOs & FAAs to use RTI portal for disposing the online RTI.

Yours faithfully,

(Mohan Datt)

Joint Secretary (AR) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh Phone No 0177-2880672

Endst. No.Per(AR)F(10)13/2022 Dated Shimla-02 July, 2023 Copy forwarded the Secretary, H.P. State Information Commission, Keonthal Complex Khalini, Shimla-02, w.r.t. your letter No.SIC-145/2022-1549 dated 01-07-2023 for information and necessary action.

> Joint Secretary (AR) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh