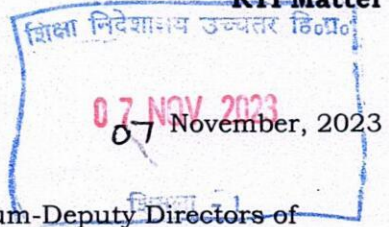


**Most Urgent
RTI Matter**

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

Dated: Shimla- 171001 the



To

1. All the Appellate Authorities/PIOs-cum-Deputy Directors of Higher Education in H.P.
2. All the PIO-cum-Principals Govt. Colleges/Sanskrit Colleges/ SCERT Solan / GCTE Dharamshala 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 06th October, 2023 on the subject cited above (Copy enclosed) vide which informed that H.P. State Information Commission time again has raised the issue that RTI applications and First Appeals filed through Online RTI Portal are not being disposed of smoothly by PIOs and FAAs as result, the service that the information seeker should get at PIO level, is being made harassment to the information seekers. The work of the commission is also increasing manifold due to non-decision of the first appeal by the First Appellate Authorities of concerned public authorities.

The AR Department, Govt. of HP has again requested to login/monitor the online RTI Portal at least once daily to avoid delay in handling RTI Applications and to dispose of all received/pending RTI Applications and Appeals as per RTI Act and Rules in a time bound manner. Further also informed that if any PIOs & FAAs of the department do not have credentials (user ID & Password) to login to the online RTI Portal, the same may be conveyed to their department with the detail of PIOs & FAAs.

In view of above, it is directed that necessary directions in the said matter has already been given to you vide this office letter of even number on dated 02.08.2023 & 29.08.2023. However, you are 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. **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,
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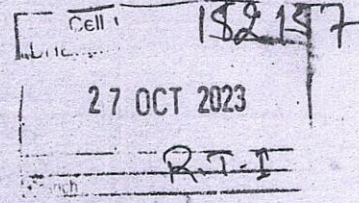
dated, Shimla- 171001, the

07 November, 2023

1. The Secretary (Education) to the Govt. of HP for information, please.
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.
4. 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.

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, 6th October, 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 03-08-2023 on the subject cited above and to say that H.P. State Information Commission time and again has raised the issue that ~~the~~ RTI Application-s and First Appeals filed through Online RTI portal are not being disposed of smoothly by PIOs and FAAs as result, the service that the information seekers should get at PIO level, is being made accessible to them after approaching the commission thereby causing delay and harassment to the information seekers. The work of the commission is also increasing manifold due to non-decision of the first appeal by the First Appellate Authorities of concerned public authorities.

As such, you are again requested to issue directions to the PIOs & FAAs working under your control to login to/monitor the online RTI portal at least once daily to avoid delay in handling RTI applications 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. These directions be adhered to in letter and spirit.

Yours faithfully,

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

Endst. No. As above Dated Shimla-02 the, 6th October, 2023
Copy forwarded to the Secretary, H.P. State Information Commission,
Keonthal Complex Khalini, Shimla-02, w.r.t. your letter No.SIC-46/2023-2987 dated 20-
09-2023 for information and necessary action.

Special Secretary (AR) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh