No. EDN-HE (21)A(3)06/2024 Directorate of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh.

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Dated

Shimla-171001

the

December, 2024

To

All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education,

Himachal Pradesh

Subject: -

Regarding Vacation Schedule for Government Schools in HP.

Please find the enclosed herewith a copy of letter No. EDN-C-B(15)9/2022-L, dated 09-12-2024 along with copy of instructions as per Annexure-"A" and tentative Vacation Schedule as per Annexure-"B" received from the Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh on the subject cited above.

In this regard, you are directed circulate the above instructions to all the heads of Schools, all stakeholders like parents/students/teachers in your respective districts and get feedback/opinion/advise on the same and ensure to send the same along with your comments to this Directorate within 15 days so that vacation schedule could be finalized accordingly.

(Dr. Amarjeet K Sharma)
Director of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh.

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the

December, 2024

Copy for information and further necessary action is forwarded to:

1. The Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2 w.r.t the letter referred to the above please.

2. All the Deputy Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh.

3. The Technical Officer (IT) int. D.H.E. HP to upload the same on the official website of the Department.

4. Guard file.

Director of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh.

From

No. EDN-C-B(15)9/2022-L Government of Himachal Pradesh Elementary Education Department

The Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh

To

ار Director, Higher Education Himachal Pradesh 171001

2. Director, Elementary Education Himachal Pradesh 171001 Dated: Shimla-171002,

the

9 December, 2024

Subject:-

Regarding Vacation Schedule for Government Schools in HP.

Sir,

On the subject cited above, I am directed to convey that matter regarding "Vacation Schedule" for Government Schools of the State was under consideration of the Government for the past some time. After due considerations, a <u>tentative vacation schedule</u> along with certain instructions (regarding the same) have been prepared. However, it has been decided by the Government that before vacation schedule is finalised, <u>these instructions/schedule will be circulated widely to get feedback/opinion of various stakeholders</u> like parents/students/teachers/Deputy Directors etc. The instructions are enclosed at <u>Annexure-"A"</u> & vacation schedule is enclosed at <u>Annexure-"B"</u>.

You are, therefore, requested to circulate the same to all Deputy Commissioners & Deputy Directors with the request to give a wide publicity to these and also obtain feedback of various stakeholders on same. 15 days time should be given for the same and all the feedback/advise/opinion be thereafter sent to this Department along with your comments before 15th January, 2025, so that vacation schedule could be finalised.

Yours faithfully,

(Sunil Verma)

Joint Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh

Endst. No.As above

Dated:

Shimla-2

December, 2024

Copy forwarded to the following for information and similar necessary action:-

1. The State Project Director (ISSE), Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001.

2. The Secretary, H.P Board of School Education, Dharamshala, Distt. Kangra (H.P).

3. The Principal, SCERT, Solan, H.P.

Joint Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh

Instructions for vacations in Government Schools:-

1. There shall only be 2 categories of schools i.e. Summer Closing & Winter Closing. Director Higher/Elementary will clearly identify & notify the same at their own level.

2. The tentative vacation schedule for these schools will be as per Annexure-"B".

3. Wherever it has been indicated in the schedule that Deputy Commissioner concerned will decide/notify the vacation period, the same will be decided/notified by him on the proposal of Deputy Director (Higher) of that District. DC will ensure that the vacations do not exceed indicated days. However in exceptional circumstances, DC will be empowered to increase the vacation days especially in inclement weather conditions.

4. In any District, there can be different weather conditions in different part of the District on any particular days. Under such circumstances, DC will have discretion to declare holiday/s in any such particular Education block or schools, if the weather demands so. Deputy Director concerned will keep a proper record (Education Block/School-wise) to ascertain that which schools had how many vacations. Efforts should be made that vacation duration shall not be exceeded for schools except under

exceptional circumstances.

5. DC can notify vacations in gaps or in part as well, depending upon the weather conditions. Thus, for example, monsoon break of 7 days for any district need not necessarily be notified in one go. It can be notified twice (say, 4 days on one occasion and 3 days on another) or thrice (say, 2 days in one go, 2 in another and 3 in yet another) and so on, depending essentially on the prevalent climatic conditions. Similar can be ordered for summer/winter holidays wherever DC has been authorized.

6. In the event of non-occurrence of hot conditions/monsoons/winters, DC concerned will still declare indicated number of holidays for the summer/winter closing schools falling under his jurisdiction. Deputy Director (Higher of that District) will also

move proposal for the same.

7. While submitting proposal to DC, Deputy Director (Higher) will make consultation with Deputy Director (Elementary) of concerned district for all the above indicated proposals.

Vacations Schedule for Government Schools of Himachal Pradesh

• Summer Closing Schools :- (Total:-52 Days)

There will be no break after results.

- 1. Summer/Monsoon Break Total 40 days
 - > 15-20 days summer break to be notified by DC.
 - > 20-25 days monsoon break to be notified by DC
 - ➤ However, DC will have discretion to increase/decrease the duration of summer & monsoon break depending upon the weather. However, it be ensured that the same doesn't exceed 40 days (except under exceptional circumstances).

2. Winter break - Total 07 days

> To be notified by DC depending upon the weather conditions.

3. Festival Break- Total 05 days

- > 2 days before Diwali and 3 days after Diwali for all the Districts except Kullu
- > For Kullu, 5 days after Dussehra holiday.

Winter Closing Schools: (Total:-52 Days)

1. Monsoon/Climatic Exigency break- 07 days

> To be notified by DC depending upon the weather conditions.

2. Festival Break- Total 3 days

> 2 days before Diwali & 1 day after Diwali

4. Winter Break- Total 42 days

From 1st January to 11th February

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