

No. EDN-A-Kha(10)-4/2025
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Higher Education

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From

The Secretary (Education) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

To

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

Dated, Shimla-02, the

26th February, 2026

Subject:-

Clarification and settlement of OPS Pension case for retired employee formerly under NPS who did not exercise option within stipulated period i.e. 60 days, as per Finance Department, GoHP OM Dated 04.05.2023.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. EDN-HE(2)B(10)-1/2025/Pension dated 16.10.2025 on the subject cited above and to say that matter was taken up with the Finance (Pension) Department, who has advised as under:-

"Examined in Finance Department (Pension). The Department(Education) is well aware of the fact that the State Government has issued instructions for the restoration of Old Pension Scheme (OPS) vide notification No. Fin(Pen)A(3)-1/2023 dated 04.05.2023 and the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for implementation of OPS issued vide OM No. Fin(Pen)A(3)-1/2023 dated 04.05.2023.

As per para(ii) of Standard Operating Procedures, the Government employees who wishes to be covered under the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972, also known as Old Pension Scheme, shall exercise an option, **within sixty days** from the date of issuance of instructions dated 04.05.2023.

Further as para (iii) of the Standard Operating Procedure ibid, an option once exercised by the Government employees, either opting for the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 or the National Pension System shall be **final and irrevocable**. If an employee fails to exercise an option within the stipulated period, it shall be deemed that the he/she wishes to be continued under the National Pension System.

The Standard Operating Procedures issued vide OM No. Fin(Pen)A(3)-1/2023 dated 04.05.2023 was published in the Gazette of Himachal Pradesh vide HP Gazette No. 24/GAZETTE/ 2023-06/05/2023 dated 06.05.2023. Hence, these instructions are in public domain.

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In view of the above, the Department (Education) is advised to examine and decide the matter strictly as per the provisions of SOPs dated 04.05.2023 at its own level."

You are therefore, requested to take necessary action as per advise of the Finance (Pension) Department.

Yours faithfully

(Manjeet Singh)

Under Secretary(Hr.Edu) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

Through web portal

Directorate of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh

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1. The Principal Accountant General (A&E), Himachal Pradesh Shimla-3
2. The Secretary (Education) to the Govt. of HP , Shimla-2 w.r.t. No. EDN-A-Kha(10)-4/2025 dated 26.02. 2026 for information please.
3. All the Branch Officers (Internal) Directorate of Higher Education, H.P.
4. The Joint Controller (F&A) Directorate of Higher Education, HP.
5. All the Principals, Govt. Colleges , Sanskrit College , HP.
6. The Chief Librarian/ Centre/State Library Solan, HP.& all Distt. Libraries in HP.
7. The Group Commander, GP HQ Shimla-4.
8. All the Deputy Director Higher Education , Himachal Pradesh, / Drawing & Disbursing Officers (DDOs) are requested to take necessary action as per letter No. EDN-A-Kha(10)-4/2025 dated 26.02.2026.
9. All the Branch Supdt. (Internal) Directorate of Higher Education, H.P. for information & necessary action.
- ✓ 10. The Incharge IT Cell, Directorate of Hr. Education, H.P. with the remarks to upload the said order on the deptt. website.
11. Guard file.



Director Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh