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**Government of Himachal Pradesh
General Administration Department**

No. GAD-B(F)2-1/2025-I

Dated: 22nd April, 2026

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under the rule 8 (ii) of the **Census Rules, 1990** and in pursuance of the instructions issued by the **Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India**, the Governor, Himachal Pradesh hereby notifies the following information for the awareness of the general public in connection with the conduct of Census 2027, which is scheduled to be digitally conducted in two phases. The 1st phase is scheduled w.e.f. 16th June 2026 to 15th July 2026 alongwith option for self enumeration which shall be conducted in 15 days time period just before the start of Houselisting and Housing Census. The 2nd phase i.e. Population Enumeration would be conducted during February 2027 (except snow bound areas where it would be conducted during September, 2026). The residents of the State are appealed to extend full cooperation to Census officers/officials during forthcoming operations. The contents covering utility of Census data and relevant extracts of the Census Act, 1948 are hereby published for the notice of general public of the State, which are as follows:-

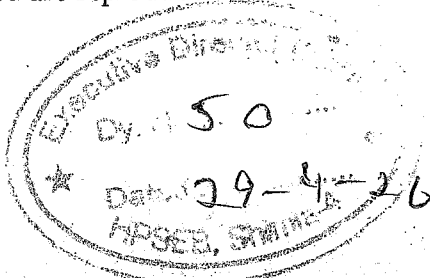
(i) Utility of Census Data

The Census is the primary source of data up to the lowest administrative units, i.e. villages in rural areas and town/wards in urban areas on Housing Condition; Amenities & Assets, Demography, Literacy, Religion, Economic Activity, Migration, Fertility etc.

It is widely used for planning and formulation of policies and effective Public Administration by the Central/State/UT Governments. Apart from this, Census data are used for delimitation and reservation of Constituencies for Parliamentary, Assembly, Panchayats and other Local Bodies. Thus, the public are to cooperate in Census taking and provide the correct information. Some of the important provisions in the Census Act, 1948 are reproduced below for information of the public.

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(ii) Section 8 – Asking of questions and obligation to answer.

(1) A Census-officer may ask all such questions of all persons within the limits of the local area for which he is appointed, as by instructions issued in this behalf by the Central Government and published in the Official Gazette, he may be directed to ask.

(2) Every person of whom any question is asked under sub-section (1) shall be legally bound to answer such question to the best of his knowledge or belief:

Provided that no person shall be bound to state the name of any female member of his household, and no woman shall be bound to state the name of her husband or deceased husband or of any other person whose name she is forbidden by custom to mention.

(iii) Section 9 – Occupier to permit access and affixing of number.

Every person occupying any house, enclosure, vessel or other place shall allow census-officers such access thereto as they may require for the purposes of the census and as, having regard to the customs of the country, may be reasonable, and shall allow them to paint on, or affix to, the place such letters, marks or numbers as may be necessary for the purposes of the census.

(iv) Section 10 – Occupier or manager to fill up schedule.

(1) Subject to such orders as the Deputy Commissioner-cum-Principal Census Officer may issue in this behalf, a census officer may, within the local area for which he is appointed, leave or cause to be left a schedule at any dwelling-house or with the manager or any officer of any commercial or industrial establishment, for the purpose of its being filled up by the occupiers of such house or of any specified part thereof or by such manager or officer with such particulars as the Deputy Commissioner-cum-Principal Census Officers may direct regarding the inmates of such house or part thereof, or the persons employed under such manager or officer, as the case may be, at the time of the taking of the census.

(2) When such schedule has been so left, the said occupier, manager or officer, as the case may be, shall fill it up or cause it to be filled up to the best of his knowledge or belief so far as regards the inmates of such house or part thereof or the persons employed under him, as the case may be, at the time aforesaid, and shall sign his name thereto and, when so required, shall deliver the schedule so filled up and signed to the census-officer or to such person as the census-officer may direct.

(v) Section 11 – Penalties.

(1) (a) Any census-officer or any person lawfully required to give assistance towards the taking of census who refuses to perform any duty imposed upon him by this Act or any rule made thereunder, or any person who hinders or obstructs another person in performing any such duty, or

(aa) any census-officer or any person lawfully required to give assistance towards the taking of a census who neglects to use reasonable diligence in performing any duty imposed upon him or in obeying any order issued to him in accordance with this Act or any rule made thereunder or any person who hinders or obstructs another person in performing any such duty or obeying any such order, or;

(d) any person who intentionally gives a false answer to, or refuses to answer to the best of his knowledge or belief, any question asked of him by a census-officer which he is legally bound by section 8 to answer, or

(e) any person occupying any house, enclosure, vessel or other place who refuses to allow a census-officer such reasonable access thereto as he is required by section 9 to allow, or

(f) any person who, removes, obliterates, alters, or damages any letters, marks or numbers which have been painted or affixed for the purposes of the census, or

(g) any person who, having been required under section 10 to fill up a schedule, knowingly and without sufficient cause fails to comply with the provisions of that section, or makes any false return there under, or

(h) any person who trespasses into a census office, shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees and in case of a conviction under part

(a) shall also be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to three years.

(2) Whoever abets any offence under sub-section (1) shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

(vi) 15 – Records of census not open to inspection nor admissible in evidence

No person shall have a right to inspect any book, register or record made by a census-officer in the discharge of his duty as such, or any schedule delivered under section 10, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 (47 of 2023), no entry in any such book, register, record or schedule

shall be admissible as evidence in any civil proceeding whatsoever or in any criminal proceeding other than a prosecution under this Act or any other law for any act or omission which constitutes an offence under this Act.

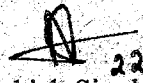
By Order

Sanjay Gupta
Chief Secretary to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh
22nd April, 2026

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Copy for information & necessary action to:-

1. The Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, GOI, Jaganana Bhawan, Tower-A, 2/A, Man Singh Road, New Delhi-110011
2. All the Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
3. All the Divisional Commissioner-cum-Divisional Census Officers in H.P.
4. All Head of Department in Himachal Pradesh.
5. All the Deputy Commissioner-cum-Principal Census Officer in H.P.
6. All Municipal Commissioners-cum-Principal Census Officer in H.P.
7. The Director of Census Operations, H.P. CGO Complex, Hiadri Khand, Longwood, Shimla-01
8. The Director, Information and Public Relation Department Shimla for wide publicity.
9. The Director AIR/ Doordarshan, Shimla-4 for wide publicity.
10. The Controller , Printing & Stationary, Ghora Chowki, Shimla-05, with the request to publish the notification in State Gazette.
11. Guard File.


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Government of Himachal Pradesh

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2. The Chief Accounts Officer/Chief Auditor, F&A Wing HPSEBL, Shimla.
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4. The Land Acquisition Officer, HPSEBL Mandi/ Shimla.
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6. All the Dy./Under Secretaries in Board Secretariat HPSEBL.
7. The Secretary, Consumer Grievances Redressal from (CGRF) HPSEBL Kasumpti Shimla-9.
8. All the Addl. SE/ Sr. Executive Engineers/Resident Engineers in HPSEBL.
9. The Dy. Director (Pers.) IR/Po and Public Relation (Cell) in HPSEBL in Board Sectt.
10. All the Section Officers in Board Secretariat HPSEBL Shimla-4.
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