

**Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Revenue,
Disaster Management Cell (DMC)**

No. No. Rev. (DMC)(F)11-1/2023

Dated, Shimla-171002, 8th October, 2025

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Monsoon 2025 has been active in the State from 19th June 2025 and has caused widespread damage in the State. The State experienced large-scale damage and losses during different heavy spells of rains i.e. 26th June in Dharamshala and Kullu; 30th June and 01st July, 2025 in various parts of the Mandi district; 5-6 August and 13-14 August, 2025 across the state; 24-26th August, 2025 in Chamba, Kullu and Lahaul & Spiti districts.

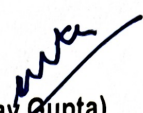
AND WHEREAS, during this period 47 cloudbursts; 98 flash floods; 148 major landslides were reported from different parts of the state. Due to various incidents 270 people lost their lives. The number of deaths due to road accidents during this period is 198. Total 1817 houses were fully damaged and 8323 houses were partially damaged. Total damage to the tune of Rs. 5,426 Crore was reported during monsoon 2025. A lot of damage is yet to be assessed and reported. Due to this widespread disruption, the entire State has been severely affected by the disaster;

AND WHEREAS, the post monsoon season has also been experiencing heavy rainfall due to active western disturbance, as conveyed by the India Meteorological Department, and in the post monsoon season also, 13 deaths have been reported due to notified disasters. During this period 20 lives have been lost due to road accidents.

AND WHEREAS, the elections to the Panchayati Raj Institutions in the State are due to be held in the month of December, 2025 and January, 2026. The State experiences heavy snowfall and the entire State remains engulfed in the cold wave during this period.

AND WHEREAS, the Deputy Commissioners, Mandi, Kangra, Hamirpur and Shimla through Secretary, Panchayati Raj, H.P. have requested that in order to ensure the safety of the voters, polling personnel and election material and restoration of all the damaged roads in the State, order under Disaster Management Act, 2005 be issued so that the elections to the PRIs are held after restoration of the connectivity in rural areas and precious lives of the people can be saved from any kind of untoward incident.

NOW THEREFORE, keeping in view the adverse situation of the damaged roads and public and private property, the undersigned as Chief Secretary-cum-Chairman of the State Executive Committee constituted under the Disaster Management Act 20025, In exercise of the powers conferred on me under **sub section (e) of Section 24 of the Act** ibid order that elections to the Panchayati Raj Institutions will be held only after restoration of proper connectivity throughout the State so that no inconvenience is caused to the general public as well as the polling personnel, and further no voter loses his right to vote because of road connectivity issues.


(Sanjay Gupta)

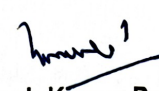
Chief Secretary-cum-Chairman
State Executive Committee
SDMA, Himachal Pradesh

Endst. No. As above

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- 1) The State Election Commissioner, Himachal Pradesh.
- 2) All the Administrative Secretaries to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh
- 3) The Secretary to the His Excellency the Governor, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2
- 4) All the Divisional Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh.
- 5) The Director, Panchayati Raj, Government of H.P. Shimla-171009.
- 6) All Deputy Commissioners-cum Chairman, DDMA, Himachal Pradesh
- 7) All the Heads of the Departments of the Himachal Pradesh.
- 8) The Principal Pvt. Secretary-cum-Special Secretary to the Chief Minister, HP, Shimla-2
- 9) The Spl/Sr. Pvt. Secretaries/Pvt Secretaries of all Hon'ble Ministers of the State.
- 10) The Sr. Pvt. Secretary to the Chief Secretary to the GoHP.
- 11) Guard File.


(Kamlesh Kumar Pant)

Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh