

HIMACHAL PRADESH POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

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SYSTEM CIRCULAR

Subject:

Procedure regarding conduct of court cases.

In view of increased litigation and in order to effectively conduct and defend various court cases being instituted by and / or against HPPCL, it has been considered necessary to issue comprehensive procedural instructions in this regard. These instructions will supersede previous instructions, if any, on the subject.

- Legal Cell upon receipt of intimation of filing / upon receipt of court notice will 1. entrust the case to one of the appointed lawyer and inform the concerned HOP/ HOD. Necessary authorization to HOP / HOD to sign Vakalatnama / affidavits etc will be issued by the Legal cell.
- Upon receipt of court notice or getting information from Legal Cell, the 2.. respective HOP's/ HOD's will have detailed comments / draft reply prepared based on facts and record.
- The respective HOD/HOP will depute concerned officials / dealing hand 3. conversant with the case, along with relevant record thereof to attend designated HPPCL lawyer office and get the reply prepared / vetted in the matter. It will be the responsibility of concerned HOP/ HOD to get the reply / response fixed through counsel in the Hon'ble Courts within time, till all pleadings in the matter are complete. Office copy of the case will be maintained by respective project office.
- Pairvi of cases in Hon ble High Court will be conducted by Legal Cell. (Except 4. land reference cases / RFA's, which will be done by LAO Office.)
- Legal Cell will be responsible for filing / defending cases in Hon'ble Supreme 5. Court. Concerned HOP will provide necessary assistance to Legal Cell.

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- 6. Respective Head of Project (HoP) will conduct / defend Arbitration proceedings in relation to contract agreements pertaining to their project.
- 7. Respective HOD/ HOP's office will be responsible for *Pairvi* of cases in their respective District Courts. Respective HoP shall be the responsible for defending /regular *Pairvi* of all Environment/ Forest cases in National Green Tribunal concerning the particular project.
- 8. Terms and conditions of fee of the counsels will be settled and notified by Legal Cell. Fee bills of the counsel will be verified/ paid by respective HOP/ HOD in respect of cases being conducted by that office.

These instructions shall come into force with immediate effect.

(Er. D.K.Sharma) Managing Director

CC: -

- 1. The Director (Civil), Director (Elect.), Director (Personnel), Director (Finance for favour of information.
- 2. All HOP /HOD's in HPPCL for information and necessary action.
- 3. PA to MD office for record.