



## HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

### HIMACHAL PRADESH JUDICIAL SERVICE COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION-2023

Advertisement Number : **5/4-2023** ,Closing Date for Application : **12/05/2023 11:59PM** and Closing Date for Fee : **12/05/2023 11:59PM**

**Dated : 22/04/2023**

Online Recruitment Applications (ORA\*) are invited from desirous and eligible candidates for recruitment to 17 posts {Existing posts (UR=03, SC=02, ST=01 & OBC=01) and Anticipated Posts (UR=04, SC of H.P.=01, ST of H.P.=02 & OBC=03)} of Civil Judge in the pay scale of Rs. 77840–136520 in the Department of Home, H.P through online web portal of H.P. Public Service Commission i.e. “[http://:www.hppsc.hp.gov.in/hppsc](http://www.hppsc.hp.gov.in/hppsc)”

#### **1. IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:-**

- a) The Candidates must read instructions carefully which are available on the website of the Commission before applying for the post(s) concerned.
- b) Date of determining eligibility of all candidates in respect of Essential Qualification(s) and Experience, if any, etc., shall be the prescribed closing date of submission of Online Recruitment Applications (ORA).
- c) The Candidates must establish their eligibility in respect of category, experience, age and essential qualification(s) etc. as mentioned in the advertisement by uploading copies of certificates of essential qualification, Matriculation Certificate as age proof, Category Certificate and experience certificate (wherever required) to avoid rejection of their candidature after the closing date.
- d) The benefit of reservation for various post(s) will be admissible only to the candidates who are bonafide resident of Himachal Pradesh in respect of categories, viz., SC of H.P., ST of H.P. and other prescribed reserved categories etc.
- e) Category once claimed shall be treated as final and no representation/ correspondence will be entertained in this regard.
- f) The reserved category candidates belonging to other States will be treated as GENERAL CATEGORY CANDIDATES and the benefit of reservation and fee concession will not be admissible to such candidates.
- g) The Candidates should possess requisite essential qualification(s) prescribed for the post(s) for which he/she wants to apply as on closing date for submission of Online Recruitment Applications (ORA) on the website (<http://www.hppsc.hp.gov.in/hppsc>).
- h) Number of post(s) is/are tentative and may increase or decrease from time to time.
- i) No in service (regular service) candidate will be interviewed unless he/she bring N.O.C. from the concerned employer.
- j) Examination fees once paid neither be refunded under any circumstances nor the fees be held in reserve for any other examination or selection.

k) Disputes, if any, shall be subject to Court jurisdiction at Shimla (H.P.)

l) The candidates are required to upload the requisite documents on the OTRS Portal.

**2. LIST OF DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED ON THE OTRS PORTAL BY CANDIDATE(S):-**

i. Matriculation Certificate for age proof.

ii. Marks Sheets of all years/semesters/consolidated marks sheet or provisional certificate(s) alongwith marks sheets of all semesters/ years in support of Educational Qualifications.

iii. Category Certificate(s) in support of their eligibility, if any, viz., SC, ST, OBC etc. All these certificates along with undertaking wherever required, should be on the proforma prescribed by the Govt. of H.P. from time to time. Schedule Caste, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes Certificates should be in accordance with the instructions of the Govt. of H.P. issued vide letter No. PER (AP)-CF(10)-4/2010 dated 05-08-2019.

iv. Bonafide Himachali Certificate in case of reserved category candidates.

vi. The Candidates shall also submit scanned copy of original credential Certificate furnished by two respectable persons unconnected with the candidate explicitly testifying to his character, good behavior as well as antecedents as per format of credential certificate annexed to this Advertisement.

**3. ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS:**

i. A candidate must be a holder of degree in law as recognized by the Bar Council of India.

ii. A Candidate must be a citizen of India.

**4. AGE LIMIT:**

A candidate must have attained the age of 22 years but must not be more than 35 years of age as on the last date prescribed for submit of Online Recruitment Applications.

**5. RELAXATION IN UPPER AGE LIMIT:**

The upper age limit is relaxable by 03 years for SC, ST & OBC Category candidates of H.P.

**Note-I:-** For the candidates of reserved categories except SC, ST and OBC Category, no relaxation in age limit except fee shall be admissible.

**Note-II:** Candidates should note that only the date of birth as recorded in the Matriculation/Secondary Examination Certificate or an equivalent certificate as on the date of submission of Online Recruitment Applications will be accepted by the Commission and no subsequent request for its change will be considered or granted.

**Note-III:** The candidate should exercise due care while entering their date of birth in respective column of the application Form. If on verification at any subsequent stage, any variation is found in their date of birth from the one entered in their matriculation or equivalent examination certificate, action will be taken against them by the Commission under the Rules.

**Post Details**

Sno.	Name of dept	Name of post	No. of posts	Category Wise No. Of Posts	Pay scale
1	HOME-B	CIVIL JUDGE	17	UNRESERVED =7(INCLUDING 4 ANTICIPATED POST), SCHEDULED CASTE OF HP =3(INCLUDING 1 ANTICIPATED POST), SCHEDULED TRIBE OF HP =3(INCLUDING 2 ANTICIPATED POST), O B C OF HP =4(INCLUDING 3 ANTICIPATED POST)	Level J-1 (Rs. 77840 - 136520)

**6. HOW TO APPLY:**

- i. Detailed instructions for filling up Online Recruitment Applications (ORA) are available on official website of the Commission i.e. “<http://www.hppsc.hp.gov.in/hppsc>”.
- ii. Desirous/eligible candidates may apply online through official website of the Commission i.e. "<http://www.hppsc.hp.gov.in/hppsc>". Applications received through any other mode would not be accepted and rejected straightway.
- iii. The Candidates should exercise due care while entering their Mobile Numbers and E-Mail IDs in the Online Recruitment Applications (ORA) for immediate updates with regard to their application.
- iv. Desirous/eligible candidates who want to apply may visit the official website of the Commission i.e. "<http://www.hppsc.hp.gov.in/hppsc>" and click on the link “Apply Online, on the Home Page. The candidate will register and create his/her profile on “One Time Registration” and after logging into his/her account in OTR, the list of advertisements will be displayed to the candidate on dashboard. Candidates have to apply for a particular post through this web portal. The application of the candidate will be submitted only after uploading of requisite documents as per advertisement. Before submission of application, the candidate may check the preview of uploaded documents and he/she shall give an undertaking/declaration that:-

“It is certified that I have checked the preview of all the requisite uploaded documents and I am satisfied that documents are legible, readable and true. That I shall not object to rejection of my candidature based on the sole reason of uploaded documents being non-readable/poor quality of scanning.”

## 7. EXAMINATION FEES:

Sr.No.	Category	Exam Fees
1.	<b>General Category</b> {Including General Physically Disabled i.e. Orthopedically Disabled, Deaf & Dumb, Hearing Impaired/ Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/ W.F.F. of H.P./ Ex. Servicemen of H.P. relieve from Defence Services on their own request before completion of normal tenure, General Wards of Ex. Servicemen of H.P. i.e. Dependent Sons/Daughters of Ex. SM of H.P.}	₹400/-
2.	Candidates of other State(s) (Including reserved categories candidates of other state(s))	₹400/-
3.	S C of H.P./ST of H.P./ OBC of H.P./EWS(covered under BPL)/(including SC/ST/OBC Ex. Servicemen of H.P. relieved from Defence Services on their own requests before completion of normal tenure and SC/ST/OBC Wards of Ex. Servicemen of H.P. i.e. Dependent Sons/Daughters of Ex. Servicemen of H.P.)	₹100/-
4.	Ex. Servicemen of H.P.(Ex. Servicemen, who are relieved from Defence Services after completion of normal tenure)/ Blind/Visually Impaired candidates of H.P./ Female candidates.	No Fees applicable

**Note-I:** Female candidates shall be exempted from the examination fee in accordance with the instructions of the Government (in the Department of Personnel) issued vide letter No. Per(AP-B)B(15)-13/2019 dated 01-01-2020.

**Note-II:** The candidates belonging to Unreserved BPL of H.P. category who intend to apply under EWS (BPL) of H.P. Category, will be entitled for fee concession i.e. 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the fee prescribed for unreserved category candidates. Rest of the EWS candidates, who are not falling within BPL of H.P. category, shall have to pay fee as applicable for unreserved category. Therefore, EWS category is further categorized into two sub categories i.e. EWS-BPL of H.P. and EWS of H.P. for the purpose of examination fee.

**Note-III:** The candidates who belong to any of the reserved category and there is no post reserved for such category but the candidates claiming fee concession available to them shall have to upload the category certificate in support of their claim.

## **8. MODE OF PAYMENT:-**

The desirous & eligible candidates shall pay the examination fee (fixed category wise) online by Debit Card/Credit Card/ Internet Banking through “e-payment”, as the case may be, on or before the prescribed closing date for submission of Online Recruitment Applications (ORA) while making payment through “e-payment gateway” the candidate(s) shall pay the fixed amount through Debit Card/Credit Card/ Internet Banking only after accepting the Terms and Conditions to apply online. Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor can the fee be held in reserve for any other examination or selection. Before applying online, all candidates are advised to go through with detailed instructions given on the above mentioned website.

Note-I: Candidates should note that payment of fee should be made only through the modes prescribed above. Payment of fee through any other mode is neither valid nor acceptable. Applications submitted without the prescribed fee/modes shall be summarily rejected.

## **9. CATEGORY CLAIMS:-**

The category of the candidate claimed in the profile before he / she applies for the post shall be treated as final. However, in case of change of category which is beyond the control of the candidate at any stage during the recruitment process; provided he / she has not availed any relaxed standards in terms of age, experience, qualification etc., he / she will inform about it to the Commission within 15 days from the date of change of his / her category failing which no such type of request shall be entertained by the Commission.

### **a) SC of H.P./ST. of H.P./OBC of H.P.**

S.C. of Himachal Pradesh / S.T. of Himachal Pradesh / O.B.C. of Himachal Pradesh/ candidates must possess such certificates(s) in support of their claims made in the online recruitment applications while applying for the concerned post(s). The benefit of reservation will be admissible on parental basis only. All the candidates belonging to reserved categories are also required to go through the relevant instructions of the Government of Himachal Pradesh issued from time to time in order to ensure that they are eligible under a particular category. The statutory certificates like bonafide Himachali, S.C. and S.T., etc. issued on parental basis on the prescribed format are of permanent nature and are acceptable to the Commission. The validity of all other category certificate is for six months or one year. The candidates must ensure that they are in possession of valid category certificate on the date of filling up ORAs at all stages) and upload a valid certificate on the OTRS PORTAL.

### **b) O.B.C. of H. P. (OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES OF HIMACHAL PRADESH) :-**

The candidates belonging to O.B.C. of H.P. category must produce O.B.C. certificate(s) on the prescribed format valid till the relevant term of the Financial Year (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March) as notified by the Government of Himachal Pradesh from time to time. Candidate must have a valid O.B.C. Certificate covering the entire period from last date of submission of Online Recruitment Applications till date of Personality Test/ evaluation along with an

undertaking that his / her status as O.B.C. has not been changed and he / she has not been excluded from the category of O.B.C. of H.P. on account of being covered under creamy layer.

#### **10. E-ADMIT CARDS/E-CALL LETTERS:**

No Admit Cards/ Call Letters will be sent by post and provisionally admitted candidates will have to download their respective e-Admit Cards/ e-Call letters along with instructions for the concerned post(s) from the official website of the Commission. Therefore, the candidates are advised to remember their USER IDs and Password(s) earlier created by the candidates to Log-in to download their respective e-Admit Cards/ e-Call letters. The provisionally admitted candidates will have to paste a passport size photograph duly self attested/attested by a Gazetted Officer on the space provided on the downloaded e-Admit Cards, failing which he/she will not be allowed to appear in the Preliminary /Main Examination, in any condition/circumstances, whatsoever. The Candidates should also bring original Photo Identity proof alongwith E-admit Card on the day of examination.

If any candidate, report for exam at a centre other than those indicated by the Commission in his/her Admit Card, he/she shall not be allowed to appear in the examination, however, in case any candidate appear in exam centre other than allotted without the prior approval of the Commission his/her candidature will be liable to be cancelled.

#### **11. DISQUALIFICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE EXAMINATION:.**

a) No candidates shall be eligible for admission to the examination:-

- i. If he/she has been dismissed from any previous service;
- ii. If he/she has been convicted of any offence involving moral turpitude or has been permanently debarred/disqualified from appearing in any examination or selection;
- iii. If he/she is found either directly or indirectly influencing the selection process in any manner;
- iv. If he is a man having more than one wife living and if a woman, has married a man already having another wife; or
- v. If he/she is an un-discharged solvent.

b) Every person applying for appointment to the service, at the bottom of the prescribed application form, shall give a declaration that he does not suffer from any of the aforesaid disqualifications and also that he conforms to all the eligibility criteria. The declaration shall also contain his undertaking that if the same is found false or incorrect, his candidature shall be liable to be cancelled or if appointed, his appointment shall also be annulled.

#### **12. ADMISSION/REJECTION OF CANDIDATURE**

(a) Incomplete Online Recruitment Applications (ORA) submitted without requisite examination fee, scanned photograph & scanned signatures of prescribed size, will be rejected straightway. Therefore it is in the interest of the candidates to fill up the applications carefully, submit them with required documents/ photographs and fees well in time.

(b) The candidates are advised to carefully read the instructions contained in the Judicial Service Rules, 2004 and the H.P. Judicial Service (Syllabus & Allocation of marks) Regulations, 2005 as amended from time to time to ensure that they are eligible for admission to this examination in terms of said rules, instructions and conditions. The eligibility of candidates will be determined on the basis of aforesaid Rules and Regulations. The candidates who appear in the aforesaid examination, if found ineligible subsequently, their candidature will stand cancelled. The eligibility of candidates called for the Viva-Voce will be determined on the basis of original documents and the Commission will not be responsible, if the

candidature of any candidates is rejected at that stage or at the time of verification by the appointing authority. As such, admission to the examination/ Viva-Voce shall be purely provisional.

(c) Onus of proving that a candidate is eligible to apply for the post is on the candidates only. If the date of notification/ declaration of result is not indicated in the degree/ certificate/ marks list, the date of issue of degree/ certificate/ marks list shall be deemed as date of acquiring essential qualification.

(d) The candidates claiming reservation must submit valid certificate of concerned category alongwith Himachal Bonafide Certificate in support of the claim. In case of invalid certificates, the applications will be rejected. The category once claimed shall not be changed.

(e) The name of those candidates whose applications are rejected or not entertained will be displayed on the website of the Commission. The Candidates whose applications are not rejected shall be admitted provisionally for the examination. The list of such eligible candidates would be displayed on the website of the Commission. The decision of the Commission as to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidates for admission to interview or selection will be final and no correspondence/ personal enquiries will be entertained.

Note:

- i. Original Certificates will have to be produced at the time of Viva-Voce. If their claim is found incorrect; besides rejection they may render themselves liable to disciplinary action by the Commission.
- ii. In case of wrong encoding of Application Number, Roll Number or both by the candidate, the OMR sheet shall not be evaluated and shall be rejected straightway.
- iii. Candidates are advised to visit the Commission's website from time to time for updates in their own interest.

### **13. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION:**

#### **(a) PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION:**

The Preliminary examination shall be an objective type examination consisting of the following three papers of 100 marks each. All three papers shall be of one-hour duration:-

- i. Civil Law-I
- ii. Civil Law-II
- iii. Criminal Law

Each of the above papers shall consist of 100 Objective Type multiple choice questions with one mark for each question. The examination in all the three papers shall be held on the same day and there shall not be any negative marking in the Preliminary Examination. The syllabus for the Preliminary Examination shall be the same as provided for Paper-I to III for the Main Examination.

The Preliminary Examination will be held on 09-07-2023. The result of Preliminary examination shall be published and also displayed on official website of the Commission. No individual intimation shall be given to the candidates.

**(b) CENTRES OF EXAMINATION:**

The Preliminary Examination will be held at Shimla, Mandi, Kangra at Dharamahsla.

The centre(s) of holding the examination as mentioned above are liable to be cancelled/changed at the discretion of the Commission. Every effort will be made by the Commission to allot the centre to the candidates of their choice, however, the Commission may, at its discretion allot a different centre to candidate, if circumstances so warranted. No application for change of centre or any other entry in the application form shall be entertained.

**(c) MAIN EXAMINATION:**

i. Main Written Examination shall be held w.e.f. 19-08-2023, the Date sheet will be displayed on the website of the Commission. No individual intimation will be given.

ii. The subject and syllabus for main examination and marks for each paper shall be as follows:-

Paper	Subject	Marks
Paper-I	Civil Law-I: Code of Civil Procedure. Indian Evidence Act, Himachal Pradesh Stamp Act, Himachal Pradesh Courts Act, 1976 and Specific Relief Act.	200 Marks
Paper-II	Civil Law-II: Indian Contract Act, Hindu Law, Indian Limitation Act, Transfer of Property Act and H.P. Urban Rent Control Act.	200 Marks
Paper-III	Criminal Law: Indian Penal Code, Criminal Procedure Code, Chapter-XVII (Section 138 to 143) of the Negotiable Instruments Act, H.P. Excise Act-2011, Wild Life Protection Act, Indian Forest Act and Module on Judicial Sensitivity to Sexual Offences:-  - Latest guidelines/directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India with regard to bail and conditions to be imposed under Sections 437, 438, 439 Cr.P.C.  - What is gender stereotyping and its effects.  - How the gender stereotyping undermines women's access to justice in sexual offence cases and how judicial gender stereotyping is to be avoided.  - Judicial approach towards new species of offensive activities, cybercrimes that are women -centric, such as transmitting of sexually explicit material, blackmailing,defamation/morphing/creating fake profile etc.  - Role of judge in protecting the victim during judicial process.  - Accountability and standards of conduct while dealing with sexual offence cases.  - Importance and meaning of gender sensitivity and effects of gender conditioning in judicial decisions in sexual offence cases.	200 Marks



- Incorporating gender perspective into judicial decision making and Constitutional and Statutory provisions on gender justice.
- Judicial approach towards child sexual abuse with reference to provisions of the POCSO Act, 2012.
- Credibility of statement of victim in sexual offence cases.
- Sentencing provisions in Sexual offence cases.

Besides above, the following Acts/Provisions are included to assess the approach regarding judicial sensitivity to sexual offences.

- The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.
- The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.
- The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.
- The pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994.
- The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013
- CCS (Conduct) Rules for Prohibition of sexual harassment of women at workplace.
- Discrimination and Harassment of women at workplace and Rights and Dignity of women at workplace- Constitutional Mandate and Guidelines by Hon'ble Supreme Court in Vishaka's case.
- The Bangalore Principal of Judicial Conduct, 2002.
- The Bangkok General Guidelines for Judges on Applying a Gender Perspective in South East Asia.

Paper-IV	English Composition: A Choice from three Essays on General Subjects.		150 Marks
	ESSAY	100 Marks	
	Translation of Hindi Passage into English	50 Marks	
	Total	150 Marks	

Paper-V	Language (Hindi):		100 Marks
	Hindi (in Devnagari Script) No Books prescribed. The paper of Hindi will comprise of the following:-		
	Translation of English passage into Hindi	30 Marks	
	Essay in Hindi on any topic out of three	50 Marks	
	Composition (Idioms and Corrections etc.)	20 Marks	
Total	100 Marks		
<p>No candidate shall be credited with any marks in any paper in Main Examination unless he/she obtains at least 40% marks in that paper, except Hindi language paper (Paper-V) in which candidate should obtain at least 33% marks.</p>			
<p>No Candidate would be considered to have qualified the main examination unless he obtains 45% marks in aggregate in all papers and at least 33% marks in language paper i.e. Hindi in Devanagri Script</p>			
<p><b>Note-I:</b> Bare Copies of legislative enactments only will be supplied.</p>			
<p><b>Note-II:</b> The standard for language paper shall be that of matriculation examination of the H.P. Board of School Education.</p>			
<p><b>Note-III:</b> The standard of the English Paper shall be that of graduation examination of Himachal Pradesh University.</p>			

**(d) Viva-Voce:**

Viva-Voce	<p>i. Candidates, who qualify the Main Written examination, will be required to appear at such place, as may be fixed by the Commission, for Viva-Voce test. The maximum marks for the Viva-Voce shall be 150. The marks obtained in the Viva-Voce will be added to the marks obtained in the Main written examination for purpose of selection of the candidates.</p> <p>ii. The provisional admission of the candidates for Viva-Voce conveys no assurance whatsoever that they will be selected or recommended. Appointment orders to the selected candidates will be issued by the Government.</p> <p>iii. A Candidate shall also be required to obtain at least 45% of the marks allocated for the Viva-Voce, failing which he/she will deemed to have not qualified the competitive examination.</p>	150 Marks
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#### **14. OTHER CONDITIONS:**

- i. The Commission reserves the right to allot any centre of examination to any candidate. No request for change of centre will be entertained.
- ii. The inclusion of a candidate in the list of successful candidates shall not confer any right to appointment unless the Government is satisfied after such inquiry as may be considered necessary that the candidate is suitable in all respects of appointment before actual offer for appointment is made. The selected candidates will also be subjected to a Medical Examination in accordance with guidelines prescribed by the Hon'ble High Court under Rule-9 of H.P. Judicial Service Rules, 2004 read with Regulation '8' of the H.P. Judicial Service (Syllabus and Allocation of Marks) Regulations, 2005.
- iii. The candidate, who may be admitted to the examination, will have to write in their own hand. In no case can an amanuensis be allowed.
- iv. The Commission does not supply any articles of stationery except authorized Computerized Answer Sheet for preliminary examination and answer books, continuation sheets for use in the main written examination. Items such as pen, Ink, whatsoever needed have to be brought by the examinee themselves.
- v. Re-evaluation or rechecking of Answer Sheets/ Answer Scripts is neither permissible nor does the Commission enter into correspondence in this regard.
- vi. It may be ensured by the candidates before submitting the application that furnishing of false information and documents or suppression of any factual information in the application form would entail disqualification. If the fact that false information/document(s) has been furnished or that there has been suppression of any factual information in the application comes to the notice at any time during the service of a candidate, his service would be liable to be terminated.
- vii. In case a candidate has any doubt or objection about any question(s) in the question paper, he/she is advised to give a representation, in writing immediately after the examination is over in the name of the Secretary, H.P. Public Service Commission to the centre Supervisor and no representation shall be entertained thereafter.
- viii. On the basis of merit obtained in the Preliminary examination, the candidates equal to (20) twenty times of the number of vacancies to be filled in shall be called for taking the Main Written Examination.
- ix. Disputes, if any, shall be subject to Court Jurisdiction at Shimla.
- x. Number of post(s) is /are tentative and may increase or decrease from time to time.
- xi. Contract/Casual/adhoc/daily rated/ work charged employees do not need to produce NOC from the concerned employer.
- xii. In Government Service (regular service) candidates may apply to the Commission along with requisite examination fees with information to their Head of Departments / Employer for issuing NOC. Any candidates, who are in regular Government Service or Government owned Industrial Service, will not be interviewed unless he/she produces NOC from the concerned employer.
- xiii. The candidates applying for the posts should ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility conditions for admission to the examination. Their admission at all the stages of examination for which they are admitted by the Commission, viz., Preliminary Examination/Main (Written) Examination and Viva-Voce will be purely provisional,

subject to their satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. If, on verification at any time before or after the written examination or Viva-Voce, it is found that they do not fulfill any of the eligibility conditions, their candidature for the concerned post/examination will be cancelled by the Commission.

xiv. Candidates are informed that as per Government of H.P. (in the Department of Personnel) notification No. Per(AP-B) B (15)-3/2022 dated 22-03-2023 vide which it has been notified that the examinations conducted by the Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission will come under the purview of Himachal Pradesh Prevention of Malpractice Act, 1984.

xv. A candidate at any stage of examination/selection which shall include final selection and sending recommendation(s) thereof or during the course of examination or any selection process conducted or being conducted may in addition to rendering himself/herself liable to criminal prosecution (in the case of candidate already in service under Government, to disciplinary action under the appropriate rules), shall be liable to be debarred from an examination or future examinations or his candidature may be cancelled, w.e.f. the date as may be decided by the Commission, if he or she is found to be guilty of the following:-

- a. Obtaining/seeking support for his/her candidature whether in the Examination or Evaluation or Physical Test or Viva-Voce by any means; or
- b. Impersonating; or
- c. Procuring impersonation by any person; or
- d. Submitting false/fabricated documents or documents which have been tampered ; or
- e. Making statements which are incorrect or false or flouts any instruction Guidelines, terms and condition, given in advertisement or instructions communicated in any manner or suppressing therein material information at any stage of selection; or
- f. resorting to the following means in connection with his/her candidature for the examination, namely:-
  1. obtaining copy of question paper through improper means;
  2. finding out the particulars of the persons connected with secret work relating to the Examination Evaluation, Physical Test and Interview/ Viva-Voce.
  3. Influencing the Examiners; or
- g. Using or attempting to use unfair means in the Examination Hall; or
- h. Writing obscene matter or drawing obscene sketches in the scripts; or
- i. Harassing, threatening or causing physical injury to the staff engaged in the conduct of Examination; Evaluation, Physical Test or Interview/Viva-Voce; or
- j. Violating any of the instructions given to the candidates in their admission card or other directive including oral instructions given by the Centre Supervisor/ Superintendent or other staff engaged in the conduct of examination; or
- k. Misbehaving in the examination hall including tearing of the scripts, provoking fellow examinees to boycott Examination, Evaluation, Interview/ Viva-Voce, creating a disorderly scene and the like ; or
- l. Being in possession of or using Mobile Phone, Pager, Scanner or any electronic equipment or device or any other equipment capable of being used as a communication device during the examination/Viva-Voce.
- m. Being debarred earlier on the above mentioned ground by the Union Public Service

Commission or any State Public Service Commission or any other Government Department/ Recruitment agency inclining this Commission.

n. Attempting to commit or, as the case may be, abetting the Commission of all or any of the acts specified in the foregoing clauses; Provided that no penalty under this Rule shall be imposed except after:-

i. Giving the candidate an opportunity of making such representation in writing as he/she may wish to make in that behalf; and

ii. Taking into consideration the representation, if any, submitted by the candidate within the period allowed to him/her.

Provided further that the order of debarring or cancellation of candidature shall be passed only after the Commission has considered the matter and approved the proposed punishment of debarring the candidate or cancellation of his/her candidature.

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**Sd/-**  
**(Devinder Kumar Rattan) IAS,**  
**Secretary**  
**H.P. Public Service Commission**  
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**CREDENTIAL CERTIFICATE**

(This Certificate may be explicitly testified by two responsible persons unconnected with candidate)

Certified that I have known Sh./Ms./Smt. \_\_\_\_\_ Son/Daughter of  
Sh. \_\_\_\_\_ from last \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months and testifying his/her character, good  
behavior as well as antecedents.

Signature:

Name:

Address:

Date:

Place: