No: PCH-HA (3) 34/96-G.P. Kinnaur- 56225-36 Government of Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Department

From

The Director of Panchayati Raj, Shimla-9, H.P.

To

All the Deputy Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh.

Shimla-9

dated

20th March 2014

Subject: Sir/Madam, Regarding issuance of NOCs by the Panchayats-clarification thereof.

In continuation of this Department letter of even number dated 7th Sept.

2013, it is informed that some Gram Panchayats are making unreasonable demands for money in lieu of issuance of NOCs sought by various agencies/companies for undertaking developmental work/project/plan etc. in the areas of the concerned Gram Sabha. This demand amounts to extortion of money and is also contrary to the provisions of the H.P. Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 and rules made there under. Such demands, by Panchayats, are illegal and may attract disciplinary action against defaulter Panchayat.

You are, therefore, requested to kindly issue directions to all the Panchayats in your district not to demand money for issuance of NOC and they may be directed to strictly adhere to these directions. In case of any violation of these instructions, action may be taken against such Panchayats under law.

Yours faithfully,

Special Secretary (PR) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh

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• The Pr. Secretary (MPP) to the Govt. of H.P. for information.

• The SDM Nichar, District Kinnaur, H.P. for information.

· All the District Panchayat Officers, H.P. for information.

All the Block Development Officers, H.P. for information.