

From

The Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana

To

1. All the Administrative Secretaries to Government Haryana
2. All the Heads of Departments.
3. The Managing Directors/Chief Administrators of all the Boards/Corporations in Haryana State,
4. All the Divisional Commissioners.
5. All the Deputy Commissioners of the State of Haryana.

Dated Chandigarh, the 3rd June, 2021

Subject: Filing of replies/written statements/affidavits/counters etc. within the time frame

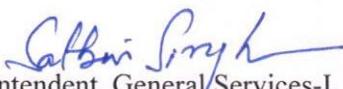
Sir/Madam,

I am directed to invite your attention towards the Govt. letter No. 62/42/2013-6GSI, dated 19.9.2013, letter No. 62/42/2014-6GSI, dated 18.6.2015 and D.O.Letter No. 62/42/2014-6GSI, dated 7.4.2017 on the subject noted above vide which they were requested to adhere to the time schedule fixed by the Court for compliance of Court directions in Court orders and if in any particular case, there is difficulty in adhering to time schedule, application for extension of time for compliance of court order, must be filed promptly within the time fixed for compliance, failing which the officer concerned will be personally liable for non-compliance of the Court orders and costs if any imposed by the Court (s). It was also directed to ensure that replies/written statements are filed in all writ petitions three working days prior and in Contempt Petition seven working days prior to the date fixed for hearing.

2. It has been brought to the notice of Government by the Hon'ble High Court that neither the instructions referred above are being adhered to nor is the response being filed by the departments within the time framed. Thus, the Hon'ble High Court has expressed its displeasure regarding the same and desired advisories to be issued to all the departments for filing response in Court well in time frame, failing which the Court will be compelled to take serious view of the matter.

3. The matter has been viewed seriously by the Government. Taking a serious note of the matter, it is reiterated that due care and caution be exercised in the Court matters. Time bound directions must be complied with within the stipulated time fixed by the Hon'ble Courts. It must be ensured that replies/written statements are filed in all Writ Petitions three working days prior and, in Contempt Petitions seven working days prior to the date fixed for hearing. The Head of Department will be personally responsible for compliance of Court's directions and filing of response in a time bound manner. The Head of Departments while monitoring the Court cases will ensure that each and every notice/summons/court order received from the Hon'ble Court is promptly disposed off and the officers/officials must be directed to approach the office of Ld. Advocate General, Haryana within one week from the date of receipt of Court notice/summons alongwith complete file of the case for getting the draft written statement/reply/affidavit etc. vetted or filed. If in any particular case, there is difficulty in adhering to time schedule, application for extension of time for compliance of Court order must be filed promptly within the time fixed for compliance, failing which the Head of Department concerned will be personally liable for non-compliance of the Court orders and costs, if any, imposed by the Court (s) will be recovered from him.

4. These instructions may be brought to the notice of all concerned for strict compliance.


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for Chief Secretary to Government Haryana.