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Government of Himachal Pradesh  
Department of Irrigation & Public Health

From

The Additional Chief Secretary (IPH) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

To

- 1. The Engineer-in- Chief (IPH)  
U.S. Club, Shimla-171001..
- 2. All Chief Engineers  
Under IPH Department, H.P. Shimla-2
- 3. Director (WSSO)  
Dhali Shimla-12.

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Dated Shimla-171002 06 December, 2013

Subject: - Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary (IPH) in his office Chamber on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 at 11.00AM with M. Tech. Engineers of IPH Department.

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Sir,  
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I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary (IPH) in his office Chamber on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 at 11.00 AM with M. Tech. Engineers of IPH Department for further necessary action.

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Yours faithfully,

(Dr. S.K. Kapta),  
Special Secretary (IPH) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh  
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF  
ADDL. CHIEF SECRETARY. (IPH) TO THE GOVT. OF HP IN HIS  
OFFICE CHAMBER ON 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2013 AT 11.00 AM  
WITH M.TECH. ENGINEERS OF IPH DEPARTMENT.**

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A meeting was convened by the Addl. Chief Secretary (IPH) to the Govt. of HP with group of M. Tech. Engineers in IPH Department to consider the possibility of promoting research in public health engineering. The list of participants is at Annexure-A.

Initiating the discussion Addl. Chief Secretary (IPH) pointed out that in a technical profession like health and engineering, research was a critical component for updating academic knowledge and professional skills. In the health sector, substantial research was being undertaken primarily through teaching institutions. In the field of public health engineering it appears to be lacking. Such research should primarily be undertaken by engineers who were post-graduate and above. However, before rolling out such a plan, he wanted to have feedback from a representative group. The meeting had been convened with this objective. Thereafter, the all the participants were invited to over their views. The following points emerged for discussion:

- 1) The idea of promoting research in public health engineering was a welcome step and most of the engineers were of the view that the department did not encourage research or experience sharing.
- 2) There was no forum in the department for sharing experience acquired in the execution of projects. Many innovations have been made by individuals that could be replicated for the benefit of the department and the public at large.
- 3) The department should start a journal in which not only research papers but article sharing knowledge and experience should be published.

- 4) The department should set up a Blog in which engineers could raise professional problems and issues and get answers through their colleagues.
- 5) Even laboratories for testing of water samples were inadequately equipped. There was no standard format/ software for preparing DPRs. The schedule of rates was not being revised periodically.
- 6) Engineers would need some hand holding for preparing research proposals for extra mural funding.

Thereafter following decisions were taken:-

- 1) Director (WSSO) will initiate the publication of a journal to which engineers could contribute their articles. Some prizes could be instituted for best article.
- 2) A workshop would be organized for engineers on preparation of research proposal for extra mural funding. An initial grant would be provided for preparation of research papers from amongst the proposals that were shared to shortlist the proposals for preparation of research proposals that were shortlisted.
- 3) Director (WSSO) will also have a Blog created on the IPH website to be used by engineers for sharing their proposals and solutions.
- 4) Engineer-in-Chief will initiate revision of the schedule of rates.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all the participants.

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**LIST OF PATICIPANTS:**

1. Er. J.S.Chauhan, XEN, P&I-1, Jal Bhawan Shimla-9
2. Er. Rajeev Dogra, AE, SNP Sub-Division Bhogarwan
3. Er. Ramesh Chand, AE, IPH Circle Nurpur
4. Er. Raj Kumar Saini, AE (Design), Mandi Zone
5. Er. Rakesh Kumar, AE, IPH Sub-Division Sainj
6. Er. Vijay Kashyap, AE (SP) HQ, U.S. Club, Shimla-1
7. Sh. Man Mohan Jassal, SO, IPH-B Section, HP Secttt. Shimla