



**PUNJAB STATE TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED**  
**Regd. Office: PSEB, Head Office, The Mall, Patiala- 147001**  
**Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033814**  
**O/O LEGAL SECTION SHAKTI SADAN, PATIALA**  
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To

Regd. →

1. EIC/HIS&D, PSTCL, Patiala.
2. EIC/P&M, PSTCL, Ludhiana.
3. EIC/TS, PSTCL, Patiala.
4. CE/SLDC, PSTCL, Patiala.
5. CFO, PSTCL, Patiala.
6. CAO (Finance & Audit), PSTCL, Patiala.

Memo No. 1513/18 /LB-2/Pb. Govt. Misc.-III

Dated: 19-09-2024

**Subject: - Issuance of strict instructions/directions to all the Departments/Boards/Corporations to file reply 3 days prior to date of hearing.**

Enclosed please find herewith letter of Chief Secy., Govt. of Punjab, memo no. OSD(L)/CS/2024/E3521680 dt. 12.09.2024 & DO no. 9710 dt. 06.09.2024 of Advocate General, Punjab addressed to Chief Secy., Govt. of Punjab.

Advocate General, Punjab has brought to the notice of Chief Secretary, Punjab that due to non-filing of the replies or same not being filed in time, precious time of court is wasted and sometimes costs are imposed which burdens State Exchequer. The operative part of the letter of Advocate General has been quoted in above stated letter which reads as, "Therefore, I am bringing this matter to your kind notice for issuance of strict instructions/directions to all the Government Departments/Boards/Corporations, directing the concerned officials to prepare and get the reply vetted well in advance before the date of hearing and further they be directed to ensure that the reply is filed with the registry of the Hon'ble High Court, 3 days prior to the date of hearing with advance copy to the counsel opposite. I request you to immediately take up this matter and issue necessary instructions/directions forthwith to avoid any adverse/harsh orders".

In view of above, It is requested to issue necessary instructions/directions to all the offices under your control to comply with the

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directions mentioned in the above stated letter of Chief Secretary and to prepare and get the reply vetted well in advance before the date of hearing and further to ensure that the reply is filed with the registry of the Hon'ble High Court, 3 days prior to the date of hearing with advance copy to the counsel opposite.

DA/-as above

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Under Secy./Legal,  
PSTCL, Patiala.

Endst. No. 1519/24 /LB-2/Pb. Govt. Misc.-III

Dated 19-09-2024

Copy of the above is forwarded to following for information & necessary action:-

Regd.

1. Dy. Secy./Estt.-Cum-Nodal Officer O/O EIC/HIS&D, PSTCL, Patiala.
2. Addl. SE/Works-Cum-Nodal Officer O/O EIC/P&M, PSTCL, Ludhiana.
3. Addl. SE/Works-Cum- Nodal Officer O/O CE/TS, PSTCL, Patiala.
4. Addl. SE/Works-Cum-Nodal Officer O/O CE/SLDC, PSTCL, Ablowal, Patiala.
5. Dy. CAO-HQ-Cum-Nodal Officer O/O Chief Financial Officer, PSTCL, Patiala.
6. Dy./CAO-1-Cum-Nodal Officer O/O CAO (Finance & Audit), PSTCL, Patiala.

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Under Secy./Legal,  
PSTCL, Patiala.

**MOST IMPORTANT**



**Government of Punjab  
Office of Chief Secretary**

**To**

- 1. All the Administrative Secretaries**
- 2. All the Head of Departments**
- 3. All the Managing Directors of the Corporations**
- 4. All the Deputy Commissioners**

**Memo No. OSD(L)/CS/2024/E3521680 Dated, Chandigarh:- 12.09.24**

**Sub: Issuance of strict instructions/directions to all the Departments/ Boards/ Corporations to file reply 3 days prior to the date of hearing.**

1. Please find the enclosed copy of the DO letter No. 9710 dated 06.09.08.2024 alongwith order dated 22.08.2024 passed by Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court in CRM-M No. 24988 of 2024 titled as Anil Kumar Tiwari and anr. Vs. State of Punjab and anr.

2. The operative part of the said DO letter is as below:-

*"....Therefore, I am bringing this matter to your kind notice for issuance of strict instructions/ directions to all the Government Departments/Boards/Corporations, directing the concerned officials to prepare and get the reply vetted well in advance before the date of hearing and further they be directed to ensure that the reply is filed with the registry of the Hon'ble High Court, 3 days prior to the date of hearing with advance copy to the counsel opposite. I request you to immediately take up this matter and issue necessary instructions/directions forthwith to avoid any adverse/harsh orders...."*

- 3. You are directed to ensure compliance of the abovesaid instructions.
- 4. Please treat this as **Very Important**.

**Chief Secretary**

**Endst. No. OSD(L)/CS/2024/E3521680/1 Dated, Chandigarh:- 12.09.24**

Copy to Learned Advocate General, Punjab for information.

**Chief Secretary**

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GURMINDER SINGH

ADVOCATE GENERAL, PUNJAB

DO No. 9710

Dated 05.09.2024

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**Subject: Issuance of strict instructions/directions to all the Departments/Boards/Corporations to file reply 3 days prior to the date of hearing.**

*Dear Anwarji,*

I wish to bring to your notice the order dated 22.08.2024 was passed by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court while hearing CRM-M No. 24988/2024 titled as Anil Kumar Tiwari and another Vs. State of Punjab and another.

The Hon'ble Court has observed that State of Punjab should file reply/status report, if any, well in time i.e. 3 days prior to the date of hearing. The relevant part of the order passed by the Hon'ble Court is reproduced here below:-

*"It is repeatedly observed in the Court during the course of the proceeding that for every law officer appearing on behalf of the State of Punjab, the reply is presented to the law officer at the time when the case is called upon. Rather every law officer appearing on behalf of the State of Punjab should file reply/status report, if any, well in time i.e. 03 days prior to the date of hearing to save the time of the Court. Such a practice neither leaves any time for the State counsel to vet the same nor to check whether it has been made properly or is in the appropriate format. Also the copy of the said reply is not furnished to the counsel for the petitioner in advance which compels the Court to adjourn the case time and again for this minor issue, which the State Government has failed to take a note of.*

*On earlier occasion also the respondent-State was burdened with costs of Rs.50,000/- on account of non-filing of reply in time. Though the costs of Rs.50,000/- was deposited vide receipt dated 08.08.2024 invoice No.7381. Today again, time has been sought by Mr. Rajiv Verma, DAG, Punjab, for the same reason.*

The Office of the Advocate General for the State of Punjab, High Court of Punjab & Haryana Premises,  
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GURMINDER SINGH  
ADVOCATE GENERAL, PUNJAB

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

*This Court is though at pain to record the aforesaid observations but is left with no other option than to adjourn the matter, however, it shall be the last opportunity for the State to file a comprehensive reply 01 week prior to the adjourned date, subject to payment of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh) costs, which shall be deposited in the account of Punjab and Haryana High Court Employees Welfare Union and only after depositing costs, reply be accepted in the Registry of this Court."*

Due to non-filing of the reply or the same not being filed in time, the Hon'ble Courts invariably impose heavy costs on the State and adjourn the matter. This apart from being a wastage of time of the Court it is also a burden on the State Exchequer.

Therefore, I am bringing this matter to your kind notice for issuance of strict instructions/directions to all the Government Departments/Boards/Corporations, directing the concerned officials to prepare and get the reply vetted well in advance before the date of hearing and further they be directed to ensure that the reply is filed with the registry of the Hon'ble High Court, 3 days prior to the date of hearing with advance copy to the counsel opposite. I request you to immediately take up this matter and issue necessary instructions/directions forthwith to avoid any adverse/harsh orders.

This is for your information and necessary action.

Treat it as most urgent,

*Sincere regards*

(Gurminder Singh)

**Shri Anurag Verma, IAS,**  
Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

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