***Urgent***

No. TCP-F(5)-1/2018
Govt. of Himachal Pradesh
Town and Country Planning Department

From:

The Pr. Secretary (TCP) to the
Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.

To

The Director,
Town and Country Planning Deptt.,
H.P. Shimla-9.

Dated, Shimla-2, 03rd August, 2018.

Subject: Regarding Himachal Pradesh Heritage Tourism Policy, 2017.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter No. Tsm-F(1)-1/2016 dated 27-12-2017 alongwith a copy of H.P. Heritage Tourism Policy, 2017 received from the Deputy Secretary (Tourism &CA) to the Government of H.P. on the subject cited above and to request you to kindly examine the above matter and send your comments to this Department within a week so that the same could be sent to the concerned Department.

Yours faithfully,

**(Arindam Chaudhary)**
Special Secretary (TCP) to the
Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.

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Department of Tourism and Civil Aviation

From

Chief Secretary (Tourism & CA) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

To

1. The ACS(Revenue) to the
   Government of Himachal Pradesh.
2. The ACS(MPP) to the
   Government of Himachal Pradesh.
3. The ACS(TCP) to the
   Government of Himachal Pradesh.
4. The Pr.Secretary (IPH) to the
   Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Dated: Shimla-2 the 27-10-2017

**Subject:-** **Regarding Himachal Pradesh Heritage Tourism Policy, 2017.**

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Government of HP has notified "Himachal Pradesh Heritage Tourism Poilcy, 2017" vide Notification of even number dated 7-10-2017, copy of which has also been supplied to you for necessary action as various incentives and exemptions are to be given thereunder. You are therefore, requested to kindly supply the action taken report therein to this office at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

(Rajinder Negi)
Deputy Secretary(Tourism & CA) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.
Ph.No.2621002, email-tourismbr-hp@nic.in

Endst.No.As above Dated: Shimla-2 the 27-10-2017

Copy to Commissioner, Tourism & Civil Aviation, HP with request to kindly follow up the matter with concerned departments.

Deputy Secretary(Tourism & CA) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

**TOURISM & CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT**

NOTIFICATION

*Shimla-171002, the 7th October, 2017*

**No.TSM-F(1)-1/2016.**—The Governor, Himachal Pradesh is plea sed to notify "Himachal Pradesh Heritage Tourism Policy, 2017" enclosed as Annexure–A (05 pages) approved by the State Cabinet vide Item No. 37 on 4.10.2017, with immediate effect.

By order,
V.C. PHARKA,
*Chief Secretary (Tourism & CA).*

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**Annexure –A**

**TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION HIMACHAL PRADESH DEPARTMENT**

HIMACHAL PRADESH HERITAGE TOURISM POLICY, 2017

**Introduction**

Himachal Pradesh is home to rich heritage and culture which treasures many buildings, Havelis, Forts, Palaces, Lodges, Mansions etc. having historic lineage to a time period spanning from the time of Princely States to British Raj times. These buildings have unique architectural and heritage value which has been preserved over the times. With an aim of opening these heritage buildings to the Tourists, the State Government introduces **"Himachal Pradesh Heritage Tourism Policy 2017"**. The Policy envisages to offer the tourists both domestic and foreigners, a glimpse of Himachali historical and cultural heritage and first hand experience of lifestyles and traditions from the times of Princely States and also the architectural grandeur of British times which will also instill a sense of nostalgia especially among the Foreign Tourists.

**Objectives:—**

The **Himachal Pradesh Heritage Tourism Policy 2017** shall have following objectives:

1. To preserve the heritage and culture of Himachal Pradesh in a sustainable manner.
2. To offer an experience of the culture and heritage of Himachal Pradesh to the Tourists visiting the State so that they could have an insight into History ,Traditions and ethnic hospitality , which the State is known for.
3. To preserve the heritage buildings, forts, palaces, lodges, havelis, etc. and make them maintainable in a sustained manner.
4. To encourage the spirit of entrepreneurship and stimulate self employment, and also catalyse direct and indirect employment in the State.
5. To diversify the Tourism Products of Himachal Pradesh.

6. To open up new areas in the state for Tourism activities and divert tourist influx away from already saturated tourist destinations.

**Short title and commencement:**

1. The policy shall be called **"Himachal Pradesh Heritage Tourism Policy,2017"**

2. This Policy shall come into force from the date of its notification.

**Definition:**

**"Heritage Hotels"** shall cover hotels in palaces/ castles/ forts/havelies/ lodges, residence, buildings of any size built prior to 1950. The facade, architectural features and general construction should have distinctive qualities and ambience in keeping with the traditional way of life and heritage of Himachal Pradesh . The architectural features of the building should be in harmony with the original architectural design and should not normally be interfered with. Immediate surroundings of the Heritage Hotel should be in consonance with the architectural features of the original building. The Heritage Hotel should provide good standards of Cuisine and Food & Beverages services which give a flavor of local traditions and mannerism. The ambience and its surroundings in a Heritage Hotel should be of high standards. Any extension, improvement, renovation, change in the existing structures should be in keeping with the traditional architectural styles and construction techniques harmonizing the new with the old. After expansion/renovation, the newly built up/ added area should not exceed 50% of the total built up (plinth) area including the old and new structures. However, for this purpose, area concerned for providing facilities such as swimming pools, lawns etc. will be excluded.

**Accommodation:**

A Heritage Hotel will cover hotel in Residences/Havelies/ Lodges/Castles/Forts/Palaces, buildings, built prior to 1950. The hotel should have a minimum of 5 rooms (10 beds). The size of the Rooms and toilets and other facilities in the Heritage Hotel shall be as per minimum prescribed standards given in H.P. Tourism Development and Registration Act 2002 and the Rules thereof.

**Eligibility:**

1. All the new Heritage Hotels registered with the Department of Tourism Under H.P Tourism Development and Registration Act 2002 after the date of notification of this policy by the Government of Himachal Pradesh and which are duly classified and approved as Heritage Hotels by the Ministry of Tourism , Government of India shall be eligible to claim benefits/exemptions as envisaged under the Himachal Pradesh Heritage Tourism Policy 2017.

2. The ownership of such Heritage Hotels under the policy must be in the name of Individual(s)/ proprietors and not in the name of any Partnership Firm or Company or Consortium etc. for making it eligible to claim exemption/incentives envisaged under the Policy.

3. Only those Heritage Hotels will be eligible to avail such exemptions/incentives under the Policy which follow the instructions/guidelines issued by Department of Tourism H.P. under this Policy.

4. The Hotel may be managed and run by the family and/or professionals.

5. The building must be duly approved by local civic body and NOC must be issued by the concerned civic body to this effect for running the building as Hotel.

6. The concerned Deputy Director (Tourism) or District Tourism Development Officer as the case may be, shall mark the Hotel in the Registration Certificate as "Heritage Hotel" before issuing it to the Hotel fulfilling the above mentioned eligibility criteria.

**Operation of the Policy:**

The Himachal Pradesh Heritage Tourism Policy 2017 shall be applicable in the entire State from the date of its notification by the Government.

**Incentives and Exemptions:**

1. Domestic rates of electricity would be charged from Heritage Hotels registered with the Department of Tourism, Himachal Pradesh.

2. Domestic rates of water would be charged from Heritage Hotels registered with the Department of Tourism, Himachal Pradesh.

3. Department of Tourism, H.P. will give wide Publicity to such registered Heritage Hotels through its publicity material and departmental website.

4. Heritage Hotels situated on narrow roads and which arrange for alternate parking arrangements and also have a park-and-ride system available from parking place to the hotel, for the guests shall be given exemption from mandatory parking in the Hotel as required under the minimum prescribed standards in H.P. Tourism Development and Registration Act 2002 and Rules thereof.

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