

Government of Himachal Pradesh  
Department of Revenue (DM Cell)

No. Rev. (DMC) (C-5)-1/2021 (COVID19 Ex-gratia)

Dated: the 29, September 2021.

**NOTIFICATION:**

The Governor, Himachal Pradesh is pleased to notify District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) of all districts as Disbursement Authority for the *ex-gratia* assistance to the next of kin of the deceased by COVID-19 with reference to the Guidelines issued by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Government of India (copy enclosed). NDMA has recommended an amount of Rs. 50,000/- (Fifty thousand only) per deceased person including those involved in relief operations or associated in preparedness activities, subject to cause of death being certified as COVID-19. The concerned families will submit their claims through a form issued by State Authority along with specified documents including the death certificate that certifies the cause of death to be COVID-19. The DDMA will ensure that the process of claim, verification, sanction, and the final disbursement of *ex-gratia* payment will be through a robust yet simple and people-friendly procedure. All claims must be settled within 30 days of submission of required documents and disbursed through Aadhaar linked Direct Benefit Transfer procedures.

A Grievance Redressal Committee at District Level is also hereby constituted with following members:

1. Additional District Collector
2. Chief Medical Officer
3. Medical Officer Health/ Principal or HOD Medicine of a Medical College (if one existing in the district)
4. A Subject Expert.

This Committee will address any grievances with regards to certification of the death, as prescribed in the MoHFW and ICMR guidelines and will propose necessary remedial measures, including issuance of amended Official Document for COVID-19 death after verifying facts in accordance with these guidelines.

By order

Onkar Chand Sharma  
Principal Secretary (Rev)  
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Copy for information and necessary action is forwarded to: -

1. The Chief Secretary, Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Member-Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority, Gol.
3. All Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
4. All Divisional Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh.
5. All Heads of Departments in Himachal Pradesh.
6. All Deputy Commissioners-cum-Chairman, DDMA's in HP.
7. The Controller of P&S, HP for publication in Gazette.

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Director -cum- Spl. Secy. (Rev-DM)  
Government of Himachal Pradesh.