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CM for policy to stop transfer of teachers for at least 3 yrs

Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh today stressed the need for evolving a stringent policy where teachers posted in a school do not get transferred for a minimum period of at least three years.

At a function in Government Senior Secondary School, Phagli, today, Virbhadra said he had seen teachers who were busy getting their transferred cancelled rather than concentrating on their profession. "Teachers are not willing to get transferred even from one school to another within the same town, especially Shimla, and can go to any extent to get it cancelled. I feel they should opt to serve in rural areas," he said.

"It is for this very reason that we have imposed a ban on the transfer of teachers, except in compelling circumstances," he said. He suggested that there should be a psychological test before the appointment of teachers to analyse whether they were keen to take teaching as a profession or just for the sake of it they landed into teaching. This would leave the government with the option of appointing only committed teachers, he added.

Virbhadra said teaching should not be a job but a mission for teachers who must devote extra time for coaching weak students. "Their motive should be to bring out the best in the students, besides inculcating human values in them," he said.

Earlier, school principal, Phagli, Veena Sharma welcomed and honoured the Chief Minister.