

Cabinet approves to fill posts in various departments

The Himachal Pradesh Cabinet on Monday approved the amended State Hydropower Policy, aimed at ending red-tapism in the State and making it more investor friendly.

The developer will now have to submit proposals to the Deputy Commissioner concerned to obtain approvals or no-objection certificates (NOCs) from different departments, including the gram panchayat, the Cabinet meet, chaired by Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh decided.

Numerous clauses have been added to fix time frame for granting the project clearances, including environment and forest clearances.

* The Cabinet also decided to reduce the additional goods tax on iron and steel from Rs 7.50 per quintal to Rs 5 per quintal.

* It accorded approval to reduce value-added tax on CNG and anti-hail nets from 13.75 to 5 per cent.

* Procurement of citrus fruits (Kinnow, Malta, Galgal and Oranges) under Market Intervention Scheme, 2016-17

* The Cabinet decided to fill around 300 posts of Junior Office Assistants (IT) in department of Higher education on contract basis.

* To fill 150 posts of Ayurvedic Pharmacists on contract basis in Ayurvedic Department.

* Approval to fill up 100 posts of Ayurvedic Medical Officers on contract basis i.e., 50 per cent through direct recruitment and 50 per cent batch-wise.