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Himachal CM calls for stringent policy for teachers



There is a need to form a stringent policy to ensure recruitment of committed teachers and stop teachers from getting transferred for at-least three years, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh said on Saturday.

"We need committed teachers and have many, who in all odd circumstances also were giving their best services to the students. Such teachers should be brought into limelight who were serving in far flung and remote areas and were fully committed to their profession," the chief minister said, addressing a school function in Shimla.

Singh said that few teachers are always busy in getting them transferred rather than concentrating on their profession. "For the very reason we have imposed complete ban on transfers of teachers except in compelling circumstances," he said.

Singh suggested there should be a psychological test before appointment of the teachers to analyze whether they were willing enough to take teaching as a profession.

"The teachers should not take their profession as a business but as a mission," Singh said, adding that "they should give ample time to weak students even after classes were over in schools. Their motive should be to bring out the best from the students besides to inculcate human values in them".

"Getting transferred within one station from one school to other, which was seen in Shimla, is not tolerable," he said, adding, "Teachers should opt to go out willingly to rural areas to provide their services".