

Panchayati Raj Act, 1994. Affidavit of Deputy Secretary further reveals that Gram Panchayat after having discussed various issues pertaining to various departmental activities relating to different departments of the State, passes resolution and sent the same to the concerned department for necessary action. Since, the Gram Panchayat is a constitutional body, it is incumbent upon the concerned department to reply the resolutions of Panchayats passed in relation to matter pertaining to their department.

5. It is quite apparent from the affidavit filed by the Deputy Secretary (Panchayati Raj) that there is mechanism in place, rather provided under Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj (General) Rules, which specifically provides that resolution of Panchayat passed in relation to matter pertaining to various department shall be duly replied and necessary action shall be taken upon the same.

6. Affidavit filed by the Deputy Secretary further reveals that since there is no mention with regard to resolution, if any, sent by the Gram Panchayat, Kheel to the different department, matter could not be got verified by the authority concerned. Since, it had come to the knowledge of the department that some of the representatives of different department as per Section 7(5) were not participating in the meeting of the Gram Sabhas, department had issued necessary directions to the Panchayats and DPOs as well as BDOs for implementing the said provision of the Act.