



# List of chief ministers of Himachal Pradesh



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The **Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh** is the chief executive of the north Indian state of Himachal Pradesh. As per the Constitution of India, the governor is a state's *de jure* head, but *de facto* executive authority rests with the chief minister. Following elections to the Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly, the state's governor usually invites the party (or coalition) with a majority of seats to form the government. The governor appoints the chief minister, whose council of ministers are collectively responsible to the assembly. Given that he has the confidence of the assembly, the chief minister's term is for five years and is subject to no term limits.<sup>[1]</sup>

Since 1952, five people have been Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh. Three of these belonged to the Indian National Congress party, including inaugural office-holder Yashwant Singh Parmar. After his first term ended in 1956, Himachal Pradesh was made a union territory, and the office of Chief Minister ceased to exist. In 1963, Parmar once again became Chief Minister, and during his reign, in 1971, Himachal regained full statehood. Until March 2015, when he was surpassed by Virbhadra Singh, Parmar was the state's longest-serving chief minister. Between 1993-2017, the chief ministership has changed hands every five years between Virbhadra Singh of the

## Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh

(*Himachal Pradesh Mukhya Mantri*)



**Incumbent**





**Jai Ram Thakur**

since 27 December 2017

<b>Residence</b>	<u>Oakover, Shimla</u>
<b>Appointer</b>	<u>Governor of Himachal Pradesh</u>
<b>Inaugural holder</b>	<u>Yashwant Singh Parmar</u>
<b>Formation</b>	8 March 1952

Congress and Prem Kumar Dhumal of the Bharatiya Janata Party. The current incumbent is Jai Ram Thakur of the Bharatiya Janata Party having been sworn in on 27 December 2017.

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No <sup>[a]</sup>	Name	Portrait	Term of office		Party <sup>[b]</sup>		Days in office
1	<u>Yashwant Singh Parmar</u> MLA for Pachhad	File:YS+Parmar.jpg	8 March 1952	31 October 1956	<u>Indian National Congress</u>	width="4px" style="background-color: Template:Indian National Congress/meta/color" 	1699 Days
Office abolished, 1956–63							
(1)	<u>Yashwant Singh Parmar</u> MLA for Renuka	File:YS+Parmar.jpg	1 July 1963	28 January 1977	<u>Indian National Congress</u>	rowspan=2 width="4px" style="background-color: Template:Indian National Congress/meta/color" 	4961 Days [Total 6660 Days]
2	<u>Thakur Ram Lal</u> MLA for Jubbhal Kotkhai		28 January 1977	30 April 1977		93 Days	
–	<u>Vacant<sup>[c]</sup></u> (President's rule)		30 April 1977	22 June 1977	N/A		
3	<u>Shanta Kumar</u> MLA for Sullah	–	22 June 1977	14 February 1980	<u>Janata Party</u>	width="4px" style="background-color: Template:Janata Party/meta/color"	968 Days
(2)	<u>Thakur Ram Lal</u> [2] MLA for Jubbhal Kotkhai		14 February 1980	7 April 1983	<u>Indian National Congress</u>	rowspan=3 width="4px" style="background-color: Template:Indian National Congress/meta/color" 	1148 Days [Total 1241 Days]
4	<u>Virbhadra Singh</u> MLA for Jubbhal Kotkhai		8 April 1983	8 March 1985		700 Days	
			8 March 1985	5 March 1990		1824 Days	
(3)	<u>Shanta Kumar</u> [2]		5 March 1990	15 December 1992	<u>Bharatiya Janata Party</u>	width="4px" style="background-color:	1017 Days [Total 1985 Days]

	MLA for Palampur					Template:Bharatiya Janata Party/meta/color"	
–	<u>Vacant</u> <sup>[c]</sup> (President's rule)		15 December 1992	3 December 1993	N/A		
(4)	Virbhadra Singh [3] MLA for Rohru		3 December 1993	23 March 1998	Indian National Congress	width="4px" style="background-color: Template:Indian National Congress/meta/color"	1572 Days
5	Prem Kumar Dhumal [1] MLA for Bamsan	File:P K Dhumal cropped.jpg	24 March 1998	5 March 2003	Bharatiya Janata Party	width="4px" style="background-color: Template:Bharatiya Janata Party/meta/color"	1807 Days
(4)	Virbhadra Singh [4] MLA for Rohru		6 March 2003	30 December 2007	Indian National Congress	width="4px" style="background-color: Template:Indian National Congress/meta/color"	1761 Days
(5)	Prem Kumar Dhumal [2] MLA for Bamsan	File:P K Dhumal cropped.jpg	30 December 2007	25 December 2012	Bharatiya Janata Party	width="4px" style="background-color: Template:Bharatiya Janata Party/meta/color"	1817 Days [Total 3624 Days]
(4)	Virbhadra Singh [5] MLA for Shimla Rural		25 December 2012	27 December 2017	Indian National Congress	width="4px" style="background-color: Template:Indian National Congress/meta/color"	1828 Days [Total 7680 Days]
6	Jai Ram Thakur MLA for Seraj		27 December 2017	Incumbent	Bharatiya Janata Party	width="4px" style="background-color: Template:Bharatiya Janata Party/meta/color"	2294 Days

## Notes

### Footnotes

a. A number inside brackets indicates that the incumbent has previously held office.

- b. This column only names the chief minister's party. The state government he headed may have been a complex coalition of several parties and independents; these are not listed here.
- c. **President's rule** may be imposed when the "government in a state is not able to function as per the Constitution", which often happens because no party or coalition has a majority in the assembly. When President's rule is in force in a state, its council of ministers stands dissolved. The office of chief minister thus lies vacant, and the administration is taken over by the governor, who functions on behalf of the central government. At times, the legislative assembly also stands dissolved.<sup>[2]</sup>

## References

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## External links

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- [Government of Himachal Pradesh, website \(http://himachal.gov.in/\)](http://himachal.gov.in/)
  - [Present Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, webpage \(https://web.archive.org/web/20101215173416/http://himachal.gov.in/cm.htm\)](https://web.archive.org/web/20101215173416/http://himachal.gov.in/cm.htm)
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