Comments regarding Note#15 and 16 mentioned in e-office:-

It is submitted that the National Policy on Universal Electronic Accessibility, 2013 was approved by the Government of India (GoI). The objective of the policy was to eliminate discrimination based on disabilities and ensure equal access to Electronics and Information and Communication Technology (ICTs).

As a follow up of above the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disability (Divyangjan) was nominated "ERNET" India (an autonomous scientific society under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology) to empanel various agencies for making/converting government and educational websites accessible as per GIGW and WCAG2.0.

The departmental website, namely https://hppanchayat.nic.in of PR, was also included in the list of websites for ERNET India to convert/develop as per GIGW and WCAG2.0. In this series, the said departmental website was developed by ERNET India through its The Company Pvt. Ltd. IAP new i.e., empanelled agency, developed/migrated website was hosted on the DIT server on 24th December 2019 with the domain name http://panchayat.hp.gov.in IAP Company Pvt. Ltd.

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