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Himachal Pradesh

Dated: Shimla-171001 the 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

To

All the Private School Management(s) /

Principal/ Headmaster (affiliated to any Board)

**Himachal Pradesh** 

Subject Reg. deposit of school fees & funds during curfew/lockdown period.

Memo;

In continuation to this office letter of even number dated 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2020 & 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 and various complaints received from parents of students, enrolled in privately managed schools of the state.

Despite of repeated direction/reminders, some of the private school managements are sending SMS to parents of the students to deposit hiked school fees & funds during lockdown / curfew in the state due to COVID-19 pandemic. Such behaviour of private school managements is clear cut willingly violation of "The Epidemic Disease Act" / "The Disaster Management Act" and "The Himachal Pradesh Private Educational Institutions (Regulation) Act-1997". Whereas, these instructions were issued to combat COVID-19 pandemic, keeping in view the guidelines/advisories of Govt. of India and Govt. of H.P.

Therefore, this may be treated as last warning to adhere with the directions and neither force the parents of the students to deposit the school fees & funds nor hike the fees & funds, till further orders. These orders apply to all private schools functioning in Himachal Pradesh and affiliated to any board (CBSE/ICSE/HPBoSE).

(Dr. Amarjeet K. Sharma) Director of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

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Copy for information to:

The Principal Secretary (Edu) to the Government of H.P., Shimla-2.

2. All the Dy. DHEs (Hr.Edu. / Inspections) to ensure compliance &

submit report.

3. Technical Officer (IT) to upload on departmental website,

Director of Higher Education

Himachal Pradesh