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Dated Shimla-1 the 13 October, 2016

To

All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education,
Himachal Pradesh

Subject:- Regarding the Commission's role under Section 44 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POSCO) Act, 2012.

Memo,

In pursuance to the letter No. Shiksha-II-Chha(10)9/2001-L dated 21-09-2016 (Copy alongwith enclosures enclosed), received from the Principal Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2, on the subject cited above.

In this regard, it is informed that National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, GOI, has launch the online solution for redressing grievances related to POSCO viz. 'e-box' on 26-08-2016. The NCPCR 'e-box' button shall enable easy online registration of grievance pertaining to sexual offence committed against any child. It enables the child to register her/his complaint in a simplified manner by visiting NCPCR website (<http://www.ncpcr.gov.in/>) and click on e-box.

You are, therefore, directed that maximum children and other stakeholders be made aware of this facility. The necessary orders in this regard may be issued to all field functionaries under your control (including privately managed educational institutions) with the direction to spread awareness about the creation of the POSCO e-button amongst children and other stakeholders. It is also directed that this link regarding e-box may be displayed on the entrances, all notice board and class rooms of the schools be made mandatory for children to be able to use it as required.

This may be given personal attention and top priority please.



(Dr. B.L. Vinta),
Jt. Director of Higher Education(C),
Himachal Pradesh

Endst. No. Even dated Shimla-1 the 13 October, 2016
Copy for information and necessary action is forwarded to:-

1. The Principal Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2, w.r.t. letter No. Shiksha-11-Chha(10)9/2001-L dated 21-09-2016.
2. The Incharge, IT Cell, with the direction to upload the same on the departmental website.
3. Guard file.



Jt. Director of Higher Education(C),
Himachal Pradesh

No. Shiksha-11-Chha(10)9/2001-L
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Higher Education

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From

The Principal Secretary (Edu) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

To

✓ The Director, Higher Education,
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001

Dated: Shimla-171002

21-9-2016

Subject:-

Regarding the Commission's role under Section 44 of the
Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POSCO) Act, 2012.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of letter No. EDN-C-A(4)-
3/2007 (alongwith enclosure) dated 15-09-2016 received from Under Secretary (Ele.
Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh. on the subject cited above and to
request you to take further necessary action in this matter under intimation to this
department.

Yours faithfully,

Joint Secretary (Edu) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

No. EDN-C-A(4)-3/2007
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Elementary Education

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From:

The Principal Secretary (Education) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

To

**The Director, Elementary Education,
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001**

Dated Shimla-171002, the _____, 2016

Subject

**Regarding the Commission's role under Section 44 of the
Protection of Children from Sexual Offences(POCSO)
Act,2012.**

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a photocopy of D.O. letter
No. 2805/09/2016/Media/POCSO/44939 dated 26th August, 2016 received from Sh.
Priyank Kanoongo, Member, Government of India, National Commission for
Protection of Child Rights, New Delhi on the subject cited above and to request you
to examine the matter and take appropriate necessary action in the matter accordingly
under intimation to the quarter concerned as well as to this Department.

Yours faithfully,

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Under Secretary (Ele. Education) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Dated Shimla-171002, the 15-9-2016

copy
Endst.No. As above

Copy forwarded to the Joint Secretary(Higher Education) for taking further
necessary action please.

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Under Secretary (Ele. Education) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

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प्रियंक कानूंगो
Priyank Kanoongo
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Member

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D.O. No. 2803/09/2016/Media/POCSO/44939

Date: 26/08/2016

Dear Sh. Dhiman,

This is in continuation to the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPDR) previous letter vide dated 26/07/2016 regarding the Commission's role under Section 44 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 and Rule 6 of POCSO Rules, 2012 to monitor the rights of children under the said Act.

In this regard, the Commission is happy to share with you the launch of an online solution for redressing grievances related to POCSO viz. 'e-box', inaugurated by Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, Hon'ble Minister for Women and Child Development (HMWCD) on the 26/08/2016

The NCPDR POCSO 'e-box' button shall enable easy online registration of grievance pertaining to sexual offence committed against any child. It enables the child to register her/his complaint in a simplified manner by visiting NCPDR website (<http://www.ncpcr.gov.in/>) and click on e-box.

It is important that maximum children and other stakeholders be made aware of this facility. Hence, it is requested that you may issue relevant notification/orders to your concerned organisations, CBSE and State Boards of Education with a direction to spread awareness about the creation of the POCSO e-button amongst children and other stakeholders. Also, the Commission recommends that display of the above said link regarding the e-box on the entrances, all notice boards and classrooms of the schools be made mandatory for children to be able to use it as required.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Priyank Kanoongo)

Shri P. C. Dhiman,
Addl. Chief Secretary,
Department of School Education,
Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Room No. 524
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POCSO E-box for children to file direct online complaints of sexual abuse to NCPCR

Sexual offences against children are rampant but only a small percentage gets reported. According to 'Child Abuse – India 2007', a study conducted by Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, about 53% of children surveyed, reported having faced one or the other form of sexual abuse in their lifetime. Sexual offences against children are frequent but only a small percentage gets reported. In most cases, the offender is a family member/near relative or an acquaintance. The child victim in such cases generally does not report these offences due to various factors. Sexual abuse scars the psyche of the affected child for the entire life. A child who is sexually abused has to face very serious consequences such as cognitive impairment, violent and risk behaviour including depression and anxiety. Feeling shame and guilt with poor interpersonal relationship & self esteem are other consequences of sexual abuse of children.

Being concerned about such offences against children, the Union Government has enacted POCSO Act, 2012 to protect them from offences of sexual assault, sexual harassment and pornography, while safeguarding the interest of the child at every stage of the judicial process, by incorporating child friendly mechanisms for reporting, recording of evidence, investigation and speedy trial of offences through designated Special Courts. Any human being up to the age of 18 years is recognised as a child under the POCSO Act.

To enable easy direct reporting by children, an online complaint box for reporting child sexual abuse, the POCSO e-box has been launched by the Hon'ble Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi in New Delhi in the presence of Hon'be Minister of State, Smt. Krishna Raj on 26.08.2016.

Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) e-box is an online complaint management system for easy and direct reporting of sexual offences against children and timely action against the offenders under the POCSO Act, 2012.

The POCSO box is displayed prominently in the home page of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)'s website (www.ncpcr.gov.in) where an user has to simply push a button named POSCO E-Box. This navigates to a page with a window containing an animation movie. The animation movie's comforting and authoritative mother figure representing NCPCR reassures the child that she/he need not feel guilty about the incident and that NCPCR is a helping friend. After the user presses the arrow on this page, it goes to another page where he/ she has to select at least one picture option (picturing the situational harassment) and provide details such as mobile number, e-mail and then click the submit button. The complaint is then registered and a unique auto-generated complaint number is flashed. This complaint is to be followed up by Member, NCPCR who will give a call back from NCPCR's dedicated number 9868235077 for further appropriate action.