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To

All the Principals/ Headmasters,  
Government Sr. Sec./ High Schools,  
Himachal Pradesh

**Subject:-** **Regarding to Ensuring Preventive Mechanism for Keeping Students Safe within Schools Premises.**

Memo,

As you are aware that in the recent past two incidents of gruesome crimes against children were reported in the National Capital Region on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017, a seven year old boy was found murdered inside a school in Gurugram. And the next day a five year old girl was also raped in a school in East Delhi.

The onus of keeping students safe within schools premises would solely lie upon the school authorities. The children spend most of their time in school and the concern of parents about the safety<sup>of</sup> their children is increasing every other day. Therefore, it is a fundamental right of a child to engage and study in an environment where he /she feels safe and is free from any form of physical, emotional abuse or any other form of harassment.

In view of aforementioned position, you are directed to indispensably ensure the following in your Educational Institution to keep the students safe within the school premises:-

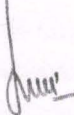
1. The Committees for the redressal of grievances of students, parents, and staff and also the Committee for complaints regarding Sexual Harassment and Committee under Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act 2012, should be constituted, immediately if the same has not been constituted yet. The details of these Committees along with contact details shall be conspicuously displayed prominently on school notice boards for information of all stakeholders.
2. The CCTV Cameras at all vulnerable areas inside the school premises may be installed out of Amalgamated Fund available in the school.

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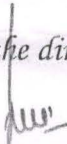
3. The entry of outsiders' person in the school premises may strictly be stopped.
4. The teachers and other school staff may initiate necessary steps for protecting safety, security and best interest of students, device ways to take immediate remedial action in the matter immediately.
5. The Child help line No. 1098 and telephone number of local Police Station shall be conspicuously displayed prominently on school notice boards for information of all stakeholders.

The aforementioned instructions may be adhered strictly in letter and spirit and any laxity in this regard will be viewed seriously.

  
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Endst. No. Even dated Shimla-1 the September, 2017  
Copy for information and necessary action is forwarded to:-

1. The Principal Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
2. The Branch Officer, Inspection Cell of this Directorate.
3. All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education in Himachal Pradesh, with the directions to ensure all of above.
4. The Superintendent (G-II), IT Cell, with the direction to upload the same on the Departmental website.
5. Guard file.

  
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