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To Dated: Shimla-171001 the July, 2017

- 1 All the Principals, Govt. Degree/Skt. Colleges in Himachal Pradesh
- 2 All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education,Himachal Pradesh.
- 3 All the Deputy Director of Elementary Education,Himachal Pradesh

Subject: - **Afforestation Campaign .**

Memo:

This is with reference to H.P. State Legal Services Authority letter No. 10/LSA/Project-2014-15/3379-3393 dated: 01/08/2016 on the subject cited above.

In this connection, as you are aware, H.P. State Legal Services Authority has adopted the project of sensitization of school children about importance of forests and Environment issues especially Afforestation and Plastic Garbage disposal issues and during the years 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school Children from 6th to 12th standard were associated in the plantation drive in the State of Himachal Pradesh. This year also it has been decided in the meeting with Additional Chief Secretary (Education), Additional Chief Secretary (Forests), Principal Chief Conservator of forests, and Director (Education) held on 12/07/2017 and 17/07/2017 to continue the Afforestation Project in the same manner in which it was done last year with minor modifications during the continuing rainy season and ensuing winter season. As per the decision taken in the meeting it is requested to execute the afforestation project in the following manner:-

1. Plantation will be done by students of 6th standard onwards as also college students of Government colleges **from 1st August to 30th August, 2017.**
2. All the planted trees (planted in years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17) shall be maintained by the Forest Department and the students of 6th to 12th standard shall conduct re-plantation in such sites where the survival rate of plantation carried out in previous years is less than 90%.
3. The schedule for plantation will be prepared jointly by the Forest and Education Departments, District-wise at the earliest and will be sent immediately by the forest and education Departments of respective Districts.

4. The new sites for the students shall be near the schools. While carrying out plantation in the school compounds, the same will be done keeping in view the area required for expansion of school building/ground.
5. The sites shall be identified and physically cleaned by the forest Department and saplings will be planted on such sites. The Forest Department will supply the plants as per requirements of each School/College, ground support for planting and refreshment to children.
6. Since this part of Afforestation drive of Forest Department, the pits will be made by the forest field staff.
7. Education Department will provide transport and conduct School children to visit the sites in safe manner.
8. All the new and previous sites will be fenced by the Forest Department and as far as possible, sign boards will also be affixed.
9. During plantation drive, the students shall be sensitized about importance of environmental issue and garbage disposal.
10. The Committees already constituted during earlier plantation in the Sub- Divisions will remain the same and will coordinate the plantation drive in each Sub Divisions as per practice followed last year. The Committee at Sub Division is of following:-

1	Civil Judge (Sr./Jr. Division)-cum-ACJM/JM	Chairman
2	ACF	Member
3	SDM or his representative	-do-
4	Block Project Officer(s) Schools	-do-

11. In order to have better coordination between the stakeholders, the District level committee constituted during earlier plantation will also remain same which shall consist of the following:-

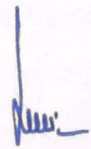
1	District Judge	Chairman
2	Deputy Commissioner or his nominee	Member
3	Divisional Forest Officer to be nominated by Conservator of forest	-do-
4	Deputy Director Higher education	-do-
5	Deputy Director Elementary Education	-do-
6	Principals of the Govt. Colleges in the District	-do-

The committee will coordinate in the plantation drive in the district actively so that the plantation is carried out in the ongoing monsoon season as also in ensuing winter season.

12. The Schools which are closed on account of vacations, sites in such schools will be identified well before **02/08/2017** by the forest and Education departments and detail of such will be provided to the Chairman (District judge). District Legal Services Authority as also this Authority.
13. The list of students who are to be associated in the afforestation drive will be supplied by the Education Department to this Authority as also Chairman, District Legal Services Authority of concerned District well before **31/07/2017**.
14. In order to meet any eventually of snake bites to the students, the Chairman (District Judges), District Legal Services Authorities, Chairman, Sub Divisional Legal Services Committees and Secretaries District Legal Services Authorities will coordinate with respective Committees and Chief Medical Officers/Medical Officers to ensure the presence of anti snake venom teams and availability of anti snake venom in the hospitals at all places during Afforestation drive and the telephone number of the Medical Officers will be provided to all the members of the committees. The instructions in this regard to CMO's will also be issued by Education, Forest and Health Departments.
15. The Chairman (District Judge), District Legal Services Authorities and Chairmen, Sub Divisional Legal Services Committees will also take up the matter with the concerned police authorities in the District/Sub Divisions to provide Adequate security, if required, during plantation.
16. While carrying out plantation, the teachers and forest officials will sensitize the students about the importance of forest and Environment issues more particularly disposal of plastic and Garbage.
17. Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities will coordinate with Authorities and attend the Afforestation wherever possible and sensitize the students about importance of forests and Environment issues.
18. Transportation of students shall be arranged by Education Department.
19. Schools may organize painting competitions etc. in schools under the guidance of Legal services institutions.
20. Addl. Chief Secretary Education and (Forest) will issue appropriate instructions to the field staff of their respective departments.

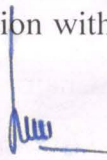
21. The detail of total sapling planted (both new and re-plantation) will be supplied by Forest Department to concerned District Legal Services Authority with name of sites and school.

In view of all of the above, you are hereby directed to coordinate with committees at District level/Sub Divisions level as also Forest Authorities in District level/Sub Divisions for smooth execution of the project. Further developments will be intimated in due course of time.


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Copy for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Additional Chief Secretary (Edu) to the Government of H.P. w.r.t. letter no. EDN-B-B(16)7/2015-L dated: 26/07/2017 for information please
2. The Member Secretary, H.P.State Legal Services Authority Block No. 22 S.D.A. Complex Kasumpti, Shimla-171009 w.r.t letter under reference for information please.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of forest (Fin.), Himachal Pradesh, Talland, Shimla-1 w.r.t. letter letter no. Ft. PUF(Fin.) Childrenpltn. Dated: 18/07/2017 for information please.
4. The Director Elementary Education, Himachal, Pradesh Shimla-1
5. The Technical Officer, Directorate of Higher Education with directions to upload the same on the departmental website.
6. Guard file.


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