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To

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 Directors of Elementary Education,
Himachal Pradesh.

Subject:- Afforestation campaign.
Memo,

This is with reference to letter No.10/LSA/Project-2014-15/2934-2947 dated 01-08-2016, received from the Member Secretary-cum-District & Session Judge, H.P. State Legal Services Authority, SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-9, on the subject cited above.

In this regard, it is informed that a meeting with Additional Chief Secretary (Education), Principal Secretary (Forests), Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Director of Higher Education was held on 28-07-2016 vide which it was decided to continue the Afforestation Project in this year i.e. 2016-17 to sensitize the school children from 6th to 12th standard about importance of Forests as well as Environment issues especially Afforestation and Plastic & Garbage disposal issues as well in the same manner in which it was done last year with minor modifications during the continuing rainy season and ensuing wither season. As per the decision taken in the meeting the appropriate instructions for the afforestation campaign is as under:-

1. Fresh plantation will be done by students of 7th standard onwards as also college students of Government Colleges.
2. The students of 7th to 12th standard shall also maintain the old sites which include re-plantation 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 well before 10th August, 2016 and will be sent to your immediately by the Forest and Education Department.
4. The new sites for the students shall be near the schools. While carrying out plantation in the schools compounds, the same will be done keeping in view the area required for expansion of school building/ground.

5. The sites shall be identified by the Forest Department and saplings will be planted only on such identified sites. The Forest Department will also supply the plants as per requirements of each School/College.
6. Since this part of Afforestation drive of Forest Department, the pits will be made by the Forest field staff by associating students at the time of plantation.
7. All the new and previous sites will be fenced by the Forest Department and as far as possible; sign boards will also be affixed.
8. Physical cleaning of the sites will be done by the Forest Department soon after the same are identified.
9. The Committee already constituted last year in the Sub Divisions will remain the same and will coordinate the plantation drive in each Sub Divisions as per practice followed last year.
10. In order to have better coordination between the stakeholders, the District level committee constituted last year 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	Member
4	Deputy Director Higher Education	Member
5	Deputy director Elementary Education	Member
6	Principals of the Govt. Colleges in the District	Member

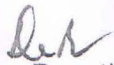
The committee will coordinate in the plantation drive in the District actively so that the plantation is carried out in the ongoing monsoon season as also in ensuing winter season.

11. The schools which are closed on account of vacations, sites in such schools will be identified well before 10-03-2016 by the Forest and Education departments and detail of such sites will be provided to the Chairman (District Judge), District Legal Services Authority as also this Authority.
12. 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 12-08-2016.
13. In order to meet any eventuality of snake bites to the students, the Chairmen (District Judges), District Legal Services Authorities, Chairmen, Sub Divisional Legal Services Committees and Secretaries District Legal Services Authorities will take up the matter with the 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.

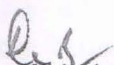
- 14 The Chairmen (District Judges), District Legal Services Authorities and Chairmen, Sub Divisional Legal Services Committees will also take up the matter with the concerned police authorities in the District/Sub Divisions to provide adequate security, if required, during plantation.
- 15 The plantation will be done in such a manner that the same is completed well before 27-08-2016.
- 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 co-ordinate with Authorities and attend the afforestation wherever possible and sensitize the students about importance of Forests and Environment issues.

You are, therefore, directed to coordinate with committees at District level/Sub Division level for the smooth execution of the project and to proceed further in the matter accordingly. Further developments, if any, will be intimated in due course of time.


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Director of Higher Education,
Himachal Pradesh

Endst. No. Even dated Shimla-1 the 9th August, 2016
Copy for information and necessary action is forwarded to:-

1. The Principal Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
2. The Member Secretary-cum-District & Session Judge, H.P. State Legal Services Authority, SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-9, w.r.t. letter No.10/LSA/Project-2014-15/2934-2947 dated 01-08-2016.
3. The Director of Elementary Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1, for similar action.
4. The Incharge, IT Cell with the directions to upload the same on the departmental website.
5. Guard file.


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