Top Priority Most Urgent Personal Attention

Copy of letter No.EDN-H(Ele)(4)4-46/2012-RTE, dated 30-08-2013, received from the Director of Elementary Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

Subject:-

Protection of children from sexual offences Act,2012 (32 of 2012).

In continuation of this Directorate letter of even No. dated 22nd March, 2013 and 29th April, 2013 vide which the copy of "Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (32 of 2012)" which has come into force all across the country with effect from November 14th, 2012 along with rules framed there under were sent to you for further necessary action in the matter at your end.

In this context, you are once again directed to circulate and give wide publicity to this Act through all the education institutions (Government / aided, un-aided, Minority and Non Minority institutions) in the State. Teachers, Management and all other employees of the education system shall also need to be made aware about the provisions of this Act, some of which cast a duty on them to report instances of child sexual abuse, as in Section 19 (I) and 21 Sexual offences committed by persons who are in the ownership, management of staff of educational institutions and persons in position of trust and authority over children are liable for higher punishment as per the provisions of section 5, 6, 9 and 10 of the Act. Awareness of the provisions of this Act will help to prevent such offences against children and enable timely action to protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation. All the provisions of the Act ibid may be strictly followed by all the Government as well as privately managed schools, failing which stern action will be taken against the defaulters whosever, commit any offence against school children.

In this regard you are further directed to conduct sensitization programmes to educate and sensitize the School Authorities / School Management Committees / Teachers / Education Officers of schools of all (Government / aided, un-aided, Minority and Non Minority institutions) to protect children from sexual abuse, offences and exploitation all the school authorities / school management.

This may be treated as most urgent and be given personal attention.

---sd---Director of Elementary Education. Himachal Pradesh

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The Director of Elementary Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1, w.r.t. No.EDN-H(Ele)(4)4-46/2012-RTE, dated 30-08-2013.

All the Dy. Director of Higher Education in Himachal Pradesh, with the direction to take immediately appropriate action in the matter accordingly as desired by the quarter concerned.

The Technical Officer, IT Cell, Directorate of Higher Education, H.P. with the direction to upload the same on the departmental website for wide publicity.

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Dr. Amar Dev.

Jt. Director of Higher Education(C),

Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1