

Most Urgent
Personal Attention

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To

1. The Deputy Director of Higher Education,
All the Districts in Himachal Pradesh
2. The Principal/ Headmaster,
All the Government Sen. Sec./High Schools in,
Himachal Pradesh

Subject:- Regarding Safety and Security of the Students in the School.

On the above mentioned subject, as all of you are aware that recently an unfortunate incident of explosion occurred in Government Senior Secondary School, Matiana, District Shimla, while students were doing their practical/experiment in the Chemistry Lab in the absence of the concerned subject Teacher and Laboratory Attendant. This resulted into an unfortunate incident in the school campus ~~and~~ where some students were seriously injured.

In view of above mentioned, you are directed to ensure that the following precautions are taken in the schools, while students are doing Practicals in the Labs:-

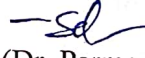
- (1) Being Head of the Educational Institution, it is the duty of the concerned Principal/ Headmaster to maintain discipline amongst the staff and students during School hours. Therefore, **utmost care should be taken in the Laboratories, while Students are doing Practicals or other work in the Lab's.**
- (2) The Heads of all Educational Institutions in the State are **directed to ensure that concerned subject Teacher and Laboratory Attendant must be present in the Labs while students are doing their practical/experiment to avoid such type of incidents in future.**
- (3) Teachers and Laboratory Attendant's should be quite alert and vigilant so that no untoward incident takes place in the Institutions. Students also should be made aware about the chemicals and other equipments available in the Schools, so that they do not mishandle them and learn accordingly.
- (4) Students may wear apron and mask while they are in Labs for their practicals especially in Chemistry and Biology Labs.
- (5) Dangerous and high-risky chemicals i.e. Benzene, Carbon Tetra Chloride, Chloroform, Sulphuric Acid, Hydrochloric Acid, Nitric Acid, Acidum Sulphuricum,

Benzoyl Chloride, Acetyl Chloride, Liquid Bromine, Sodium Metal and Thionyl Chloride etc. may not be displayed in the Labs and these chemicals may be kept out of reach from the students and should be kept in safe custody.

- (6) From time to time a number of measures and steps have been recommended and same ^{are} to be put into practice as per the instructions and guidelines circulated by the MHRD/NCPCR/State Government/Court orders, in order to ensure safety and security of school children within school premises, because children are our most important resource and it is our most important task and responsibility to ensure their safety and security in the schools.
- (7) The Educational Institutions should assess their respective safety and security requirements by conducting safety audits in the schools to avoid such circumstances and incidents in future.
- (8) School administration should take every, and necessary precautions to make the Educational Institution a safe place where children can safely learn, grow and become responsible citizen.

In view of above mentioned, Deputy Director of Higher Education of all the Districts and Heads of all the Educational institutions in the State are directed to ensure all the above mentioned in their respective District/ Educational Institutions in letter and spirit and any laxity in the matter will be viewed ~~very seriously~~ ^{गंभीरता से}.

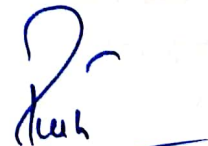
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Joint Director of Higher Education(C),
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Copy for information and necessary action is forwarded to:-

1. The Principal Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
2. The Special Private Secretary to the Hon'ble Education Minister, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
3. The Joint Director of Education, Inspection Cadre, Directorate of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh.
4. The Deputy Directors of Education, Inspection Cadre, all the Districts in Himachal Pradesh
5. The Technical Officer, IT Cell, with the direction to upload this letter on the Departmental website.
6. Guard file.


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