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Directorate of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

Dated: Shimla-171001 the

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February, 2024

To

1. All the Principals Govt./Private Degree/Skt. Colleges/GCTE Dharamshala, SCERT Solan, Himachal Pradesh.
2. All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education, HP.
3. All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education Inspection Cadre, Himachal Pradesh.

Subject: -

Regarding prohibited electronic cigarettes and like devices.

In compliance to the letter No. EDUB-F010/2/2023-EDU-B, dated 19/01/2024 alongwith its enclosures (**copies enclosed**), received from the Secretary (Education) to the Government of HP on the subject cited above.

In this regard, as you are aware that Government of India has prohibited electronic cigarettes and like devices vide Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (Production, Manufacture, Import, Export, Transport, Sale, Distribution, Storage and Advertisement) Act, 2019 in the interest of public health. These devices are readily available through online stores and local vendors and are sold at convenience or at stationery stores near Educational Institutions, which is resulting in easy access for young children to such products.

In view of above, you are therefore, directed to issue necessary directions to all the Heads of Educational Institutions in your respective district to sensitize schools and teachers about harmful effects of electronic cigarettes and Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act, 2019(PECA, 2019) and to take necessary actions for being vigilant towards the availability/use of electronic cigarettes in the premises of Educational Institutions, specially among the students. It is also directed that special drive through random checking at school and College levels may be carried out to ensure that such products are not being sold/used.

Encl: As above.

Director of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh.

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Copy for information and necessary action is forwarded to:-

1. The Secretary, Education to the Government of HP, w.r.t. letter referred to the above please.
2. The Superintendent, College Branch, Directorate of Higher Education HP Shimla-1 for information and further necessary action in the matter accordingly.
3. The Technical Officer I.T. Cell, D.H.E. (Internal) HP Shimla-1, to upload the same on departmental website.
4. Guard File.

Director of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh.

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Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Higher Education

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From

The Secretary (Education) to the,
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

To

✓ The Director, Higher Education,
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001.

Dated: Shimla-171002

19-01-2024

Subject: - Regarding prohibited electronic cigarettes and like devices.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a photocopy of D.O. letter No.6-3/2019-MDM-1-1(EE.5) dated 28.12.2023, received from the Joint Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi -110115, on the subject cited above and to request you to issue necessary instructions to all the concerned authorities under your control, under intimation to this department accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

(Anil Kumar)

Under Secretary (Hr. Edu) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

Encl. As above



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Anandrao V. Patil,
Joint Secretary,
Tel: 011-23383226

Dated the 28th December, 2023

D.O. No. 6-3/2019-MDM-1-1 (EE.5)

Dear Rakesh,

As you are aware that Government of India has prohibited electronic cigarettes and like devices vide Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (Production, Manufacture, Import, Export, Transport, Sale, Distribution, Storage and Advertisement) Act, 2019 in the interest of public health. Electronic Cigarettes pose serious health risks, particularly among young individuals.

2. In this connection, please refer to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's DO letter no H.11013/03/2021-TC dated 08.12.2023 (copy enclosed) wherein it is mentioned that these devices are readily available through online stores and local vendors which is matter of grave concern. It has also been informed that devices are sold at convenience or at stationery stores near Educational Institutions, which is resulting in easy access for young children to such products.

3. You are therefore advised to take suitable steps, to educate and sensitize schools and teachers about harmful effects of electronic cigarettes and the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (Production, Manufacture, Import, Export, Transport, Sale, Distribution, Storage and Advertisement) Act, 2019 (PECA, 2019). In addition, random checking at school and college levels may be carried out to ensure that such products are not being sold.

4. May I request you to look into the matter personally and instruct the concerned authorities to take necessary actions for being vigilant towards the availability/use of electronic cigarettes in the premises of Educational Institutions, specially among the students.

With regards

Encl: As above:

To,

Shri Rakesh Kanwar
Secretary,
Govt. of Himachal Pradesh,
Department of Education, Armsdale Building,
HP Secretariat, Shimla-171002.

Yours sincerely,

Anand Patel
(Anandrao V. Patil)

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स्वास्थ्य सेवा महानिदेशक
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HEALTH SERVICES



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Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Directorate General of Health Services

D.O. letter No. H.11013/03/2021-TC

Dated the : 08 December, 2023

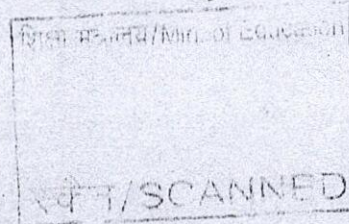
Dear Sir,

I am sure you are aware that Government of India has prohibited electronic cigarettes and like devices vide Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (Production, Manufacture, Import, Export, Transport, Sale, Distribution, Storage and Advertisement) Act, 2019. From time to time, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has requested States and Union Territories for effective enforcement of the statutory provisions of this Act. However, it has been brought to our notice that these devices are readily available through online stores and local vendors, which is a matter of grave concern. It has also been informed that devices are sold at convenience and or stationary stores near educational institutions, which is resulting in easy access for young children to such products. The increasing availability of such prohibited products calls for serious action to ensure effective enforcement of the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act 2019. Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) pose serious health risks, particularly among young individuals.

2. To address this concern, it is crucial that our education system actively engages in raising awareness about dangers associated with electronic cigarette use, aligning with the provisions of PECA 2019. Therefore, I am reaching out to seek your collaboration in an initiative aimed at educating and sensitizing schools and teachers about harmful effects of electronic cigarettes and the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (Production, Manufacture, Import, Export, Transport, Sale, Distribution, Storage, and Advertisement) Act, 2019 (PECA 2019). It is also requested that special drives through random checking at school and college levels may be carried out to ensure that such products are not being used.

3. I look forward to the Education Department's active involvement in this initiative. Your commitment to the well-being and education of our youth is vital in building a healthier and more informed community. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter, and I am optimistic about the positive impact of our collaborative efforts.

With warm personal regards,



Yours sincerely,

Atul Goel
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- The Secretary
Department of School Education & Literacy
- The Secretary
Department of Higher Education