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To Dated Shimla- 171001 the ^{06,} November, 2018
All The Principal (s),
Govt. Degree /Pvt. /Skt. Colleges
in Himachal Pradesh.

Subject: - Implementation of direcitons issued by the Honb'le Supreme court regarding bursting of crackers on Diwali-Compliance of Noise limits for fire crackers and Air Quality standards.

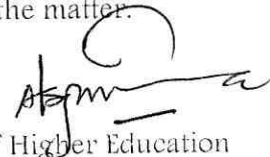
Memo:

Please Find enclosed here with photocopy of letter No. STE-E(3)-28/2018 dated- 27.10.2018 received from Additional Chief Secretary (Env. S&T) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh on the subject cited above.

In this connection, it is infromed that there is an increasing trend of air & noise pollution in the State during the festival season cspecially during Diwali, due to bursting & indiscriminate use of firecrackers, thereby contributing towards rising levels of air and noise pollution.

Therefore, all the Principals are hereby directed to educate students about the harmful effect of air pollution and noise pollution and direct them not to burst firecrackers between 10.00 P.M. to 06.00 A.M and at all time in the Slience Zone.

Special attention/ top-priority may be taken in the matter.


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Copy to: -

1. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Env.s&T) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh with reference to his letter no. referred above.
2. The Superintendent IT Cell , Directorate of Higher Education with the request to upload the latter on the Departmental website.
3. Guard file.


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No. STE-E(3)-28/2018
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Env., Sci. & Technology

From

Additional Chief Secretary (Env. S&T) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

To

1. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Home) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
2. The Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
3. The Director General of Police Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
4. The Director, Environment Science & Technology, Prayavaran Bhawan, Press Villa, HP, Shimla-171001.
5. The Director (Higher Education) Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001.
6. The Director (Elementary Education) Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001.
7. The Member Secretary, HP State Pollution Control Board, Shimla-171009
8. All the Deputy Commissioners, in Himachal Pradesh.
9. All the Superintendents of Police, in Himachal Pradesh.

Dated: Shimla-171002 the 27-10-2018

Subject:

Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 23.10.2018 in
Petition (Civil) No. 728 of 2015 regarding fire cracker

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above cited subject and that the Hon'ble Supreme Court has passed a very detailed order of 23.10.2018 (copy may be downloaded from official web portal of Hon'ble in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 728 of 2015 titled Arjun-Gopal and others Vs U of India and others highlighting the health hazards in the form of various diseases that are direct result of burning of crackers. In para 42 of this order seventeen specific directions have been passed. Out of these, directions mentioned at Sr. No. XIII, XIV, XVI & XVII are to be complied with strictly by the State Governments. These specific directions are reproduced as under:

"Para 42 (XIII): Extensive public awareness campaigns shall be taken by the Central Government/State Governments/Schools/Colleges informing the public about the harmful effects of firecrackers.

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29.10.18

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27-10-18

(XIV): On Diwali days or on any other festivals like Gurpurab etc., where such fireworks generally take place, it would strictly be from 8:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m. only. On Christmas eve and New Year eve, where such fireworks start around midnight, i.e. 12:00 a.m., it would be from 11:55 p.m. till 12:30 a.m. only.

(XVI): All the official respondents, and particularly the Police, shall ensure that fireworks take place only during the designated time and designated places, as mentioned above. They shall also ensure that there is no sale of banned firecrackers. In case any violation is found, the Station House Officer (SHO) of the concerned Police Station in the area shall be held personally liable for such violation and this would amount to committing contempt of the Court, for which such SHO(s) would be proceeded against.

(XVII): CPCB and respective State Pollution Control Boards/Pollution Control Committees (SPCBs/PCCs) of the States and Union Territories shall carry out short-term monitoring in their cities for 14 days (commencing from 7 days prior to Diwali and ending 7 days after Diwali) for the parameters namely, Aluminum, Barium, Iron apart from the regulatory parameters against the short-term Ambient Air Quality Criteria Values (AAQCVs) proposed by CPCB with regard to bursting of firecrackers. This will help in generation of data on pollution caused by the bursting of firecrackers and would be helpful for regulation and control quantity of Aluminum, Barium and Iron used in the manufacture of firecrackers."

It is therefore requested that all the concerned officers/officials be sensitized about the specific directions passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and all possible steps be taken to comply the order in letter and spirit. Extensive public awareness campaign about the harmful effects of fire crackers be also taken up.

This may be attended on TOP PRIORITY.

Yours faithfully,



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