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To

All the Deputy Director of Higher Education
in Himachal Pradesh.

Subject: - **Regarding Safety and Security of School Children.**

Memo:

As you are aware that in compliance to the National Disaster Management Guidelines School Safety policy 2016, the concept of School Safety in its current form includes safety issues both inside and outside the Schools. It includes issues of Child protection and safety that look at all forms of violence and deprivation that affect physical and mental wellbeing of Children. As it stands today therefore, School safety is a concept that encompasses "the creation of safe environments for Children starting from their homes to their Schools and back".

The National Policy on Children 2013 reaffirms the Government's commitment to the realization of rights of all children in the country. It recognizes that "every person below the age of 18 years as a child and that Childhood is an integral part of life with a value of own, and long term, sustainable, Multi-Sectoral, integrated, and inclusive approach is necessary for the harmonious development and protection of our Children". The policy has identified survival, health, nutrition, education, development, protection (including from emergencies/disasters) and participation as the undeniable rights of every Child, and has also declared these as key priority areas.

The National Commission for protection of Child rights (NCPCR) has developed a comprehensive manual on safety and security of Children in all Schools including private Schools. The manual is a compilation of various existing guidelines, circulars, notifications, government orders on safety and security related issues in Schools issued from time to time. Accordingly, if in case of an accident in the School/School transport during or after or before School hours it is found that the School, which has actual charge of control over the child when the child is in School, has wilfully neglected the child that has caused the child unnecessary mental or physical suffering, it may be treated as violation of Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 and should be referred to the Police by the School Management/Authority.

Keeping in view the above, you are therefore directed to ensure the compliance of above mentioned guidelines in letter & spirit in all the institutions (Govt. and private) under your control. You are further directed to follow the Judgement/orders passed by Hon'ble High Court on dated: 17/08/2017, to ensure the safety and security of students and to focus on the ways

to reduce the dependency of the students coming by private vehicles to the School that too alone and to motivate the parents to use the concept of vehicle pulling so as to reduce the congestions/wrong parking on the roads during the School hours. Any violation at any stage will be the entire responsibility of the concerned head of institution and strict action as warranted under rule will be initiated against the defaulters.

Director of Higher Education
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Copy for information and further necessary action to:

1. The Principal Secretary (Edu) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2
2. The Principal Secretary (Rev-DM) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh Shimla-2.
3. The Principal Secretary (Transport) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh Shimla-2.
4. The Managing Director, HRTC Shimla-1 with the request to provide sufficient bus facility to School Children as per requirement.
5. All the Principals Govt./Pvt./Degree and Skt. Colleges in Himachal Pradesh
6. All Deputy Directors of Higher Education (Inspection) in H.P.
7. All the Principals/Headmaster in GSSS/GHS/Pvt. Schools in H.P. with the direction to take up the matter of transport facility with the local transport authorities/HRTC as per local requirement to ensure the safety of students.

8. *Guard file. Incharge I.T. Cell to upload in the departmental website.*

Director of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh.

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