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To

All the Chairmen (District Judges),
District Legal Services Authorities,
In Himachal Pradesh

Sub: - **Afforestation campaign**

Sir,

Jai Hind.

As you are aware, H.P. State Legal Services Authority has adopted the project of sensitization of school children about importance of Forests and Environment issues especially Afforestation and Plastic and Garbage disposal issues and during the years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-18 school Children from 6th to 12th standard were associated in the plantation drive in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

I have the honour to bring to your kind notice that it has been decided to continue the Afforestation Project in the year 2018-2019 as well in the same manner in which it was done last year with minor modifications during the continuing rainy season and ensuing winter season. In this regard, a meeting with Additional Chief Secretary (Education), Additional Chief Secretary (Forests), Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, and Director (Education) was held on **11th July, 2018.**

In this background, I have been directed to request you to execute the afforestation project in the following manner:-

1. **Plantation** will be done by students of 6th **standard onwards** as also **college students** of Government colleges from **1st August to 30th August, 2018.**
2. All the planted trees (planted in years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18) shall be maintained by the Forest Department and the

students of **6th to 12th** standard shall conduct **re-plantation** in such sites where the **survival rate** of plantation carried out in previous years is **less than 80%**.

3. The schedule for plantation will be prepared jointly by the Forest and Education Departments, District-wise at the earliest and will be sent to you immediately by the Forest and Education Departments of respective Districts.
4. The new sites for the students shall be **near the schools**. While carrying out plantation in the school compounds, the same will be done keeping in view the area required for expansion of school building/ ground.
5. The sites shall be identified and physically cleaned by the Forest Department and saplings will be planted on such sites. The Forest Department will supply the plants as per requirements of each School/College, **ground support for planting and refreshment to children**.
6. Since this part of Afforestation drive of Forest Department, the pits will be made by the Forest field staff.
7. Education Department will provide transport and conduct School Children to visit the sites in safe manner.
8. All the new and previous sites will be fenced by the Forest Department and as far as possible, sign boards will also be affixed.
9. During plantation drive, the students shall be sensitized about importance of environmental issue and garbage disposal.
10. The Committees already constituted during earlier plantation in the Sub Divisions will remain the same and will coordinate the plantation drive in each Sub Divisions as per practice followed last year. The Committee at Sub Division is of following:-

1	Civil Judge (Sr./Jr. Division)-cum-ACJM/JM	Chairman
2	ACF	Member
3	SDM or his representative	-do-
4	Block Project Officer(s) Schools	-do-

11. In order to have better coordination between the stakeholders, the District level committee constituted during earlier plantation will also remain same which shall consist of the following:-

1	District Judge	Chairman
2	Deputy Commissioner or his nominee	Member
3	Divisional Forest Officer to be nominated by Conservator of Forest	-do-
4	Deputy Director Higher Education	-do-
5	Deputy Director Elementary Education	-do-
6	Principals of the Govt. Colleges in the District	-do-


The committee will coordinate in the plantation drive in the District actively so that the plantation is carried **out in the ongoing monsoon season as also in ensuing winter season.**

12. The Schools which are closed on account of vacations, sites in such schools will be identified well before **5.8.2018** by the Forest and Education departments and detail of such sites will be provided to the Chairman (District Judge), District Legal Services Authority as also this Authority.
13. The list of students who are to be associated in the afforestation drive will be supplied by the Education Department to this Authority as also Chairman, District Legal Services Authority of concerned District well before **1.8.2018.**
14. In order to meet any eventuality of snake bites to the students, the Chairmen (District Judges), District Legal Services Authorities, Chairmen, Sub Divisional Legal Services Committees and Secretaries District Legal Services Authorities will co-ordinate with respective Committees and **Chief Medical Officers/Medical Officers** to ensure the presence of **anti snake venom teams** and availability of **anti snake venom** in the hospitals at all places during Afforestation drive and the telephone number of the Medical Officers will be provided to all the members of the committees. The instructions in this regard to CMO's will also be issued by Education, Forest and Health Departments.

15. The Chairmen (District Judges), District Legal Services Authorities and Chairmen, Sub Divisional Legal Services Committees will also take up the matter with the concerned police authorities in the District/Sub Divisions to provide **adequate security**, if required, during plantation.
16. While carrying out plantation, the **teachers** and **forest officials** will **sensitize the students** about the **importance of Forest and Environment Issues** more particularly **disposal of Plastic and Garbage**.
17. Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities will co-ordinate with Authorities and attend the Afforestation wherever possible and sensitize the students about importance of Forests and Environment issues.
18. Transportation of students shall be arranged by Education Department.
19. Schools may organize painting competitions etc. in schools under the guidance of Legal Services Institutions.
20. Addl. Chief Secretary Education and (Forests) will issue appropriate instructions to the field staff of their respective departments.
21. The detail of total sapling planted (both new and re-plantation) will be supplied by Forest Department to concerned District Legal Services Authority with name of sites and school.

You are, therefore, requested to coordinate with committees at District level/Sub Division level as also Forest and Education Authorities in District/Sub Divisions for smooth execution of the project and to proceed further in the matter accordingly. Further developments will be intimated in due course of time.

Yours faithfully,


Member Secretary
(District & Sessions Judge)

Endst.No: As above.

Dated Shimla-9

03 AUG 2018
30.7.2018

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Education) to the Govt. of H.P.
2. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests) to the Govt. of H.P.
3. The Principal Secretary (Health & Family Welfare) to the Govt. of H.P. with a request to issue appropriate instructions to the CMO to ensure adequate stock of Anti-Snake Venoms in the Hospitals.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Talland, Shimla, H.P.
5. All the Deputy Commissioners in H.P.
6. All the Superintendents of Police in H.P.
7. The Director, Health & Family Welfare Department, Shimla-9 for information and necessary action.
8. The Director, Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla, H.P.
9. The Director, Elementary Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla, H.P.
10. All the Chief Medical Officers in Himachal Pradesh.
11. The Addl. Director, Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
12. All the Chairmen, Sub Divisional Legal Services Committees in H.P.
13. All the Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities in H.P.
14. Guard file.

Member Secretary

Directorate of Higher Education,
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

Endst. No.EDN-HE(21)F(10)09/2018-Afforestation

dated

July, 2018

Copy for information and necessary action is forwarded to:-

1. The Member Secretary, H.P. State Legal Services Authority, Block-22, SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-09, w.r.t. letter No.10/LSA/Project-2014-15/2018/3643-3657 dated 30-07-2018.
2. All the Principals of Government Degree Colleges in the State are directed to take appropriate action in the matter accordingly as mentioned in the letter hereinbefore in time bound manner.
3. All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education in the State are directed to circulate necessary instructions to all the Heads of the Educational Institutions under their administrative control for taking appropriate action in the matter hereinbefore in time bound manner.
4. All the Principals/ Headmasters of Government Senior Secondary/ High Schools in the State are directed to take appropriate action in the matter accordingly as mentioned in the letter hereinbefore in time bound manner.
5. The Technical Officer, IT Cell, with the direction to upload the same on the Departmental website.
6. Guard file.

(Dr. Amarjeet Kumar Sharma).
Director of Higher Education,
Himachal Pradesh

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03 AUG 2018