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Directorate of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh

Dated : Shimla-171001, 13 May 2010.

To

1. All the Principals of Govt. Colleges in Himachal Pradesh.
2. All the Principals/Headmasters of Govt. Sr. Sec./High Schools in Himachal Pradesh.

Sub: - Instructions to check menace of drug abuse in educational institutions.

Memo:-

You are well aware that the Govt. of India has promulgated “The Cigarette and other Tobacco Product” (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 and also made rules there under on 30-05-2008 which has been implemented throughout the country in letter and spirit.

Section 4 of the Ante Tobacco Act prohibits smoking in public places, which include educational institutions and hence all schools. Section 6 of the said Act specifically prohibits sale, offer for sale or permission for sale of cigarette or any other tobacco product to any person who is under 18 years of age, and in an area with 100 yards of any educational institution. Thus the department has already declared the campus of educational institution as “Non Smoking Zone”.

Although, the department has circulated all these directions to you for necessary compliance from time to time, yet it is the matter of great concern for all concerned that the menace of drug abuse among students is prospering day-by-day and the youth who will be the future of nation is being dwindled. Any policy or act can not be made effective by forcing the same to the target group. For the effective implementation of any policy or scheme the target group should be made well aware about the merits and demerits. Further everyone should be involved in the effective implementation of the same.

However, the following suggestions are given for checking the menace of drug abuse among the students:-

1. That the students may be counseled about the menace of drug abuse.
2. Open discussion may be carried out with the students in class rooms regarding menace of drug abuse of any kind i.e. use of tobacco in any form, inhaling of white fluid, chalk, boot polish etc.
3. To organize rallies by volunteer of NSS, NCC and Bharat Scouts Guides/Rover Rangers Units from time to time preferably after closing of school.

4. Organize declamation context and prizes be given to students out of students funds.
5. Constant vigil be kept on the students while they are in canteen or toilets by paying surprise visits.
6. Whole of the staff including non-teaching staff may also be made the part of the campaign.
7. An oath be taken from all the students at the time of admission duly countersigned by the parents only that they shall not be engage in such an activity, otherwise, their admission will be cancelled with the approval of higher authorities.
8. Install a compliant box in the school campus to drop suggestions to stop drug abuse and submit the names of such students so that without leaking the information counseling of addicted students could be carried out.
9. Making aware of parents about the menace of drug abuse though the P.T.A. meetings.
10. Meeting with shopkeepers of surrounding areas not to sell the tobacco products and other any intoxicants to the students.

It is further added that menace of drug abuse may be treated as social evil and every endeavor may be taken to root out this evil from the Society.

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1. The Principal Secretary (Education) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002 for information please.
2. The Registrar, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla-5 with the request that necessary instructions in this regard may also be issued to all the private colleges in the state.
3. The Secretary, H.P. Board of School Education, Dharamshala Distt. Kangra, H.P. with the request that necessary instructions to all the private institutions may also be issued.
4. All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education in Himachal Pradesh.
5. All the Branch Supdt., Directorate of Higher Education, H.P. Shimla are informed that Section 4 of the Ante Tobacco Act prohibits smoking in public places, which include public office therefore, these instructions may be complied with letter and spirit.

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