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**No. Shiksha-Sml.5-2 (Afforestation)/20114-15- 31444-31944 Dated:31-07-2017**

To,

The All Principals / Headmasters,  
GSSS/ GHS/ Pvt Schools.  
Distt.Shimla (H.P.)

**Sub: Afforestation Campaign.**

**Memo,**

In compliance to the Director of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh office letter No. EDN-HE(21)F(10)09/2017-Afforestation, Dated 29-07-2017, on the above cited subject received through State Legal Services Authority No. 10/LSA/Project-2014-15/3379-3393.

In this connection, as you are aware that HP State Legal Services Authority has adopted the project of sensitization of school children about importance of Forests and Environment issues especially Afforestation, Plastic & Garbage disposal issues during 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017, school children from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> standard were associated in the plantation drive in the State of Himachal Pradesh

This year it has been decided in the meeting with Additional Chief Secretary(Education), Additional Chief Secretary (Forests), Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, and Director(Education) held on 12/07/2017 and 17/07/2017 to continue the Afforestation Project in the year 2017-18 in the same manner in which it was done in last year with minor modifications during the continuing rainy season and ensuing winter season. As per the decision taken in the meeting it is requested to execute the afforestation project in the following manner:-

- Planation will be done by students of 6<sup>th</sup> standard onwards From 1<sup>st</sup> of August to 30<sup>th</sup> of August,2017
- All the planted trees (Planted in the years 2014-15,2015-16,2016-17) shall be maintained by the Forest Department and students of 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> standard shall conduct re-plantation in such sites where survival rate of plantation carried out in previous years is less than 90%.
- The schedule for plantation will be jointly by the Forest Department and Education department, District-wise at the earliest and will be sent immediately by the forest and education departments to respective districts.
- The new New sites for the **students shall be near the school**. While carrying out plantation in school compounds, the same will be done keeping in view the area required for expansion of school building and ground.
- The Sites shall be identified & physically cleaned by the **Forest Department** and also saplings will be planted on such identified sites. The forest department will supply the plants as per requirements of each school, ground support and refreshment for children.
- Since this is a part of Afforestation drive of Forest Department, Pits will be made by the Forest field staff.
- Education Department will provide transport and conduct school children to visit the sites in safe manner.

- All the new and previous sites will be fenced by the Forest Department and as far as possible, sign boards will be affixed.
- During plantation drive, the students shall be sensitized about the importance of Environmental issues and Garbage disposal.
- The committees already constituted during earlier plantation in Sub-divisions will remain the same and will co-ordinate the plantation drive in each Sub-Divisions as per practice followed last year. The committee at Sub-Division is of followings:

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| • Civil Judge (Sr./Jr. Division)-Cum-ACJM/JM | • Chairman |
| • ACF  | • Member   |
| • SDM or his representative                  | • Member   |
| • Block Project Officer(s) Schools           | • Member   |

- In order to have better co-ordination between the stakeholders, the District Level committee constituted during earlier plantation will also remain same, which shall consist of the following:-

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| • Deputy Commissioner or his nominee           | • Chairman |
| • DFO to be nominated by Conservator of Forest | • Member   |
| • Deputy Director Higher education             | • Member   |
| • Deputy Director Elementary Education         | • Member   |
| • Principals of Govt. Colleges in the District | • Member   |

- The committee will co-ordinate 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.
- The schools which are closed on account of vacations, sites in such schools will be identified well before 02/08/2017 by the forest and Education departments and detail of such be provided to the Chairman.
- 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 31/07/2017.
- In order to meet any eventuality of snake bites to the students, the Chairman(District Judges), District Legal Services Authorities, Chairman, 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 numbers of Medical Officers will be provided to all the members of the committees. The instructions in this regard to CMOs' will also be issued by Education, Forest and Health Departments.
- The Chairman(District), District Legal Services Authorities and Chairmen, Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committees will also take up the matter with concerned police authorities in the District/Sub-Divisions to provide adequate security, if required, during plantation.
- While carrying out plantation, the teachers and forest officials will sensitize the students about the importance of forests and Environmental Issues more particularly disposal of plastic and Garbage.
- Secretaries, District Legal Services will co-ordinate with the authorities and attend the Afforestation wherever possible and sensitize the students about importance of forests and Environmental issues.
- Transportation of students shall be arranged by Education Department

- Schools may organize painting competitions etc. in schools under the guidance of Legal Services Institutions.
- Additional Chief Secretary Education and Forests will issue appropriate instructions to the field staff of their respective departments.
- The detail of total saplings planted (both new and re-planted) will be supplied by Forest Department to concerned District Legal Services Authority with name of sites and school.

In view of the above, you are directed to co-ordinate with committees at District Level/Sub-Division Level and Forest Departments/Forest Authorities in District/Sub-Divisions to make this Afforestation Campaign successful. The students should be escorted by teachers and lady teachers in case of Girls Students. The timings of plantation should be such that students should come back to school campus before 4:00PM. **Utmost care of security and safety of the students involved in plantation be taken.** After completion of Afforestation programme, you have to submit the complete **ATR of total number of trees planted on proforma given below immediately.**

| Previous Years                          | Total Trees/plants Planted      | Actual plants survived till date | Destroyed/ Damaged Plants | New plantation on Old Site where plants were damaged/not survived |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 2014-15                                 |                                 |                                  |                           |   |
| 2015-16                                 |                                 |                                  |                           |   |
| 2016-17                                 |                                 |                                  |                           |   |
| <b>Proforma For This Year (2017-18)</b> |                                 |                                  |                           |   |
| 2016-17                                 | Number of Students Participated | Total Trees/plants Planted       |                           |   |
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***Endorsement No. Even, Dated: Shimla-1, the \_\_\_\_\_***

***Copy to the following for information:-***

1. The Chairman DLSA –Cum- District Session Judge Shimla, at Chakkar, Shimla.
2. The Director of Higher Education, HP. Shimla -1.
3. The Deputy Commissioner District Shimla, Shimla-1
4. The Conservator of Forest Shimla Forest Circle, Shimla-2
5. The DFOs/ Chopal/Rohru/Theog/Shimla Rural/Shimla (U)/Rampur.

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