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To

All the Deputy Director of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla

Subject: -

Regarding campaigns to create awareness against use of tobacco products
and other substance by children.

Memo:

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of letter received from Ms Stuti Kacker,
Chairperson, NCPCR, New Delhi on the subject cited above.

In this connection, you are hereby directed to circulate the same amongst all the
educational institutes under your control to implement Section 77-78 of Juvenile Justice (Care and
Protection of Children) Act, and create awareness against use of tobacco products and other
intoxicating substances by children as well as selling buying and smuggling of these products by
using children.

Krishan Vaidya
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Joint Director of Higher Education (C-1)
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Copy for information and further necessary action to:

1. The Director, Directorate of Health Safety & Regulation, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-02
w.r.t. letter No. HSR-H(COTPA)215/2015-II-2809-11 for information please.
2. Guard file.

Krishan Vaidya
Joint Director of Higher Education(C-1)
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O/o the Dy. Director of Higher Education,
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1. All the Principal/Headmaster GSSS/HSS in Shimla District.
2. The Director of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-01-for information please.
3. The Nodal Officer I.T(Internal) with the request to up lode this letter in the office website.
4. Guard file.


Dy. Director Higher Education,
Shimla Distt. Shimla-01

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 GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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 NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS
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Respected Sir,

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The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPDR) is a statutory body established under the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005, for the protection of child rights.

NCPDR is mandated inter alia to monitor all Laws, Policies, Programmes, and Administrative Mechanisms for Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) and implementation of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 which prohibits the use of intoxicating substances by children as well as use of children in peddling, carrying, selling etc of such substances.

The relevant sections of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 are as follows:

U/Section 77: Whoever gives, or causes to be given, to any child any intoxicating liquor or any narcotic drug or tobacco products or psychotropic substance, except on the order of a duly qualified medical practitioner, shall be punishable with rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend to seven years and shall also be liable to a fine which may extend up to one lakh rupees.

U/Section 78: Whoever uses a child, for vending, peddling, carrying, supplying or smuggling any intoxicating liquor, narcotic drug or psychotropic substance, shall be liable for rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend to seven years and shall also be liable to a fine up to one lakh rupees.

A study published in April, 2011 in Indian Journal of Medical Research says that nearly 10% adolescents in the age group 13-15 year, in India have smoked cigarettes, and almost half of these, reported initiating tobacco use before the age of 10, which is very detrimental to their growth and health. The early age of initiation underscores the urgent need for intervention and protection of this vulnerable group, especially children in street situations, from becoming addicts. I am enclosing a copy of the study undertaken by Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights which indicates that tobacco addiction is a gateway to hard drugs; the number of children abusing drugs is also increasing day by day. Apart from that, I am also enclosing a study conducted by National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (NDDTC), All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi for NCPDR on the subject 'Assessment of Pattern and Profile of Substance Use among Children in India', which may be of interest.

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We request that all concerned are directed to implement Section 77-78, JJ Act strictly to enable our children to lead a healthy life.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Shri Virbhadra Singh
Hon'ble Chief Minister
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