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Dear Heads of Schools,

Ever since, I have joined as Director (Education), I have been communicating to you, repeatedly, to improve the basic infrastructure in the schools. On 24.04.2014, I had specifically issued a circular (No.PS/DE/2014/123) to improve the condition of toilets. And last week again, a number of orders/circulars were issued to start a Cleanliness Drive during the week preceding the Independence Day to get the schools rid of garbage, junk, etc.

Despite these repeated and clear instructions, I am sorry to place on record that some of our HoSs have turned a deaf ear to these directions. Last Saturday (09.08.2014), I visited three of our schools – all in the same district. I was ashamed to see that in two of these schools, in most of classrooms there was not a single fan/tube/bulb in running condition!

All the three buildings presented the look of a barren landscape with no lawns, trees, plants or even a blade of grass. I found no posters, drawings, charts, information displayed on walls/ in classrooms. Notice Boards/Display Boards were also not there.

On Monday (11.8.2014), I visited four schools in two other districts. These Schools too have same set of problems but the responses of few of HOSs to the problems were different. I found them making sincere efforts at their level to resolve the issues. They have been found to be liasioning & pursuing with concerned branches/departments to sort out the problems. This has further strengthened my belief that proper running of our schools depend a lot upon our heads of schools. With same set of resources & constraints, some heads are doing excellent work while others are putting up a poor show.

Time is now up for those who have not made any sincere efforts to spruce up their schools. All senior officers, including the Director, shall be visiting schools on daily basis and recommending action against HoSs directly if they find a school in bad shape.

All I expect from us, is to provide students a basic level of infrastructure e.g. a neat & clean building, functional taps & toilets, well lighted and airy rooms and all teachers teaching sincerely. And this is the minimum that as teachers and officers we are supposed to do. No further laxity will be spared and hard decisions shall follow if any HoS is found wanting in respect of these directions.

With warm regards,

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