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ORDER

Pursuant to incident occurred in Ryan International School, Vasant Kunj Delhi wherein a child died, an emergency meeting was convened by the Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister on 31.01.2016 and subsequently necessary directions issued to all stakeholders i.e. MCD, NDMC, DCB, Manager & Principal of all Aided and Un-Aided Private Schools vide dated 01/02/2016 regarding safety compliance of the students. Subsequently, certain Circular/Orders were also issued vide dated 02/03/2016 & 27/07/2016. Apart above, specific orders regarding Installation of CCTV Cameras & Verification of Character and Antecedents of all employees of the Private Unaided Recognized Schools have also been issued vide dated 15/09/2017 & 18/09/2017.

Simultaneously, in compliance of the directions of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi dated 15th September, 2016 in WP (C) No. 887/2016 & CM Nos. 3889/2016 & 7100/2016 titled as "**Col. Devinder Shehrawat versus Dy. Commissioner, SDMC & Ors**", a mechanism for periodical inspection of all schools in Delhi and ensuring safety of students studying therein has been put in place. The relevant Para of Hon'ble High Court's decision dated 15/9/2016 is reproduced here under:

"13. In order to ensure that no such incidents would happen in future in Delhi schools, we also consider it appropriate to issue the following directions:

- (i) That all the schools in Delhi including MCD, NDMC, Government schools, private schools, Government aided schools shall carry out periodical inspections of the school buildings and premises and submit a quarterly report to the office of the Directorate of Education, Caretaking Branch, GNCTD.*
- (ii) Directorate of Education is directed to constitute a Special Task Force, Zone-wise, who will visit the schools under their respective Zones on a monthly basis and submit report before Directorate of Education, Caretaking Branch, GNCTD.*
- (iii) Executive Engineers of the Municipal Corporations shall also visit the schools under their area of control on a monthly basis and in case of any defects in relation to their field are found, shall immediately take steps to ensure that the defects are rectified."*

As far as the schools run and recognized by this Directorate are concerned, following decisions have been taken for implementation of the above said directions:

1. All the Heads of Government schools and HOSs/Managers of the recognized (aided and unaided) schools shall carry out or arrange to carry out periodical inspections of their respective school buildings and premises and submit a report on quarterly basis to the DDE (Zone) concerned who will submit compiled report to the DDE (District) concerned. In case of any defects which may lead to any safety hazard to the students are found, shall immediately take steps to ensure that the defects are rectified immediately.
2. The Regional Directors of Education have been designated as Nodal Officers in respect of all Government/ aided and unaided schools recognized by this Directorate within the jurisdiction of their Region.
3. Special Task Forces as constituted as under will visit all the schools- Delhi Govt. schools, aided and private unaided schools recognized by the Directorate of Education - under their respective zones on a monthly basis and submit their reports in the attached proforma annexed here with to the Deputy Director of Education (District) concerned who will submit compiled report to the Nodal Officer/RDE concerned. The Nodal Officers/ RDEs will submit the report to the Caretaking Branch (HQ) on quarterly basis.

Constitution of Zonal Special Task Force:

- Deputy Director of Education (Zone) – Chairperson
 - One Principal – Member
 - Executive Engineer (Civil) – Member
 - Executive Engineer (Electrical) – Member
4. As mentioned in Para 1 above, all the Heads of school will be responsible for safety compliance of their respective schools all the time. The Heads of such schools against which the Zonal Task Force has pointed out any deficiency will take immediate step to rectify the same and submit compliance report to the DDE (Zone) concerned. DDE (Zone) will ensure that the deficiencies pertaining to PWD, DJB and Delhi Fire Services etc. are rectified immediately in all schools within the Zone.

All concerned must ensure strict compliance of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. Any lapse would amount to the contempt of the Court.

This issues with the prior approval of Competent Authority.


(BINAY BHUSHAN)
SPL.DIRECTOR (EDUCATION)

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Copy for information/necessary action to the followings:

1. PS to Secretary (Education), GNCTD
2. RDE (East/North/West/Central/South)
3. DDEs (District)
4. DDE (ASB)
5. DDE (PSB)
6. HOSs of all Government schools
7. HOSs/Managers of all aided and unaided recognized schools
- ✓8. OS (IT) with direction to upload it on the department's website.
9. Guard File.



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