Government of Jammu and Kashmir Directorate of School Education, Kashmir (Legal Section)

Subject: - Awareness sessions on prevention of drug abuse in educational institutions.

Reference: - i) WPPIL No. 05/2013 MP No. 211/2014 titled Court on Its Own Motion Vs. State of J&K and others.

ii) Administrative Department's communication No. Edu/Legal/J/Misc/06/2018 dated 09.01.2018.

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In order to combat the very serious problem of drug abuse in our society, the role of educational institutions is two-fold viz., prevention and protection. These institutions can play an important contribution in the area of prevention of drug abuse by ensuring that the school going children understand the risks involved and have the confidence, knowledge and skills to avoid them. Notwithstanding the fact that the education sector alone cannot, of course, solve the problem of drug abuse, however, the implementation of an effective drug education programme in all schools and colleges shall be a vital step towards achieving the desired objective.

In view of the above, a need is felt to direct all educational institutions to carry out such awareness sessions in their respective institutions, which should be aimed at creating awareness amongst the students regarding drugs and its ill effects on their physical as well as mental health.

Accordingly, all the Chief Education Officers of Kashmir Division are impressed upon to prepare a wide-ranging plan and issue strict instructions to all educational institutions within their respective jurisdiction, both government as well as registered private institutions, to conduct fortnightly awareness programmes on prevention of drug abuse, which may include organizing various activities to say "NO TO DRUGS" like debates, lectures, class talks, skits, anti-drug slogans, painting competitions, poster making etc. Further,

Comple

"Anti-Drug clubs with following composition is constituted in every educational institution: -

a) Principal concerned (Head)

b) Physical Education Lecturer/Master/Teacher (Coordinator)

c) Lecturer Zoology (Member)
d) Four (04) Class Monitors (Members)

Besides, the following District Level Coordination Committee is also constituted: -

a) Principal DIET

(Head)

b) HoD Zoology DIET

c) HoD/Lecturer Psychology/Sociology (Member) (Whoever is available.)

d) Cultural Coordinator

(Member-Secretary)

All the CEOs should also submit a monthly basis report,

Director School Education Kashmir

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- 1. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, for information.
- 2. Secretary to Government, School Education Department, Civil Secretariat, Jammu, for information.
- 3. Ld. Dy. Advocate General, J&K High Court at Srinagar, for information.
- 4. All Chief Education Officers, for information and necessary action.
- 5. Office file/Website section.