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Dated: Shimla-171001, the December, 2024

Dy. Director of
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Diary No. 10090
Kangra at D/sala
Subject: -

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All the Dy. Directors of Higher Education,
Himachal Pradesh, Kangra

Proceeding of the review meeting regarding strengthening Fire Prevention Measures.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of proceedings of the meeting held on 21-10-2024 at 4:00 P.M. under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh regarding Strengthening Fire prevention measures received from the Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh vide letter No. EDUB-A09/2/2024 dated: 02-12-2024, on the subject cited above.

In this connection, you are hereby directed to circulate the same amongst all the Principals/Headmasters of private schools under your control to take immediate necessary action in the matter accordingly.

All Schools may be asked to strictly adhere to these instructions and stringent action be taken against the school authorities in case of any violation/lapse with regard to the safety and well being of school children.

Enclosed: As above.

(Dr. Amarjeet K. Shrama)
Director of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh
December, 2024

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Copy to forward for information:-

1. The Additional Chief Secretary (Home) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh w.r.t. her letter No. Home-F(B)-15-8/2021 dated: 25-11-2024.
2. The Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh w.r.t. her letter No. EDUB-A09/2/2024 dated: 02-12-2024.
3. Guard file.

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Director of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh

Endst No. EDN-RGR (G-5) Misc / 2023
of the Deputy Director of Higher Education Kangra at D/sala

- Copy to:-
1. The Principal/Headmaster of Private School and Govt. Schools are hereby directed to strictly adhere the directions issued by Secretary (Education) HP (Copy Attached).
 2. office copy.

Dy. Director Hr. Edu.
Kangra at D/sala

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No. EDUB-A09/2/2024
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Department of Higher Education

From
The Secretary (Education) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

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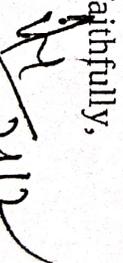
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To
The Director, Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla - 171002.

Dated: Shimla - 171002. 02-12-2024

Subject: - Proceeding of the review meeting regarding strengthening Fire Prevention Measures.

Sir,
I am directed to forward herewith a photocopy of letter No.Home-F(B)15-8/2021 dated 25-10-2024, (alongwith copy of proceeding) received from the Additional Secretary (Home) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla, on the subject cited above and to request you to take further necessary action on the points pertaining to Higher Education department and send the action taken report to the Home department at the earliest, under intimation to this department.

Yours faithfully,

(Anil Sharma) 2112
Under Secretary (Hr. Edu) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

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No. Home-F(B)15-8/2021
Government of Himachal Pradesh,
Department of Home (F-Section).

From
Additional Chief Secretary (Home) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

To

1. The Addl. Chief Secretary (JSV) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Principal Secretary (UD, TCP & Tourism) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
3. The Secretary (PWD) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
4. The Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
5. The Director General, Police Headquarter, Police Department, Nigam Vihar, Shimla-2.
6. The Director, Fire Services, Shimla-1.
7. The Director, Urban Development, Talland, Shimla-2.
8. The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Shimla.
9. The Director, Town and Country Planning, SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-9.
10. The Director, Industries Department, Shimla-2.
11. The Director, Tourism & Civil Aviation, SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-9.
12. The Director, Health Services, SDA Complex Kasumpti, Shimla-9.
13. The Director, Labour Department, Shimla.
14. The Director, Information Technology Department, Mehli, Shimla-9.

Dated: Shimla-171002, the

25 October, 2024

Subject:- **Proceeding of the review meeting regarding strengthening Fire Prevention Measures.**

Sir,
I am directed to forward herewith a copy of Proceedings of the review meeting regarding Strengthening of Fire Prevention Measures in Himachal Pradesh held on 21.10.2024 under the Chairmanship of worthy Chief Secretary to the Government

of Minnesota Pretrial and request you to take necessary action in the prompt processing of your Department's and send action when report is the Department in the various phases.

Yours faithfully



Otto Ad Venner
Additional Secretary (General) to the
Government of Minnesota Pretrial
PH. NO. 2627765

PROCEEDINGS OF REVIEW MEETING HELD ON 21-10-2024 AT 04:00 PM UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF HIMACHAL PRADESH TO DISCUSS ACTION TAKEN ON THE DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE MEETING HELD ON 18.6.2024 REGARDING STRENGTHENING FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES.

A review meeting to discuss the action taken on the decisions on the agenda of the meeting held on 18.6.2024 regarding Strengthening Fire Prevention measures was held on 21-10-2024 at 04:00 PM under the chairmanship of worthy Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.

The following were present in the meeting:-

1. Sh. Onkar Chand Sharma, Additional Chief Secretary (Home) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
2. Sh. Devesh Kumar IAS, Principal Secretary (Finance and TCP) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
3. Smt. Satwant Atwal Trivedi IPS, ADG- Director Fire Services, Himachal Pradesh.
4. Sh. Surjeet Singh Rathour, Additional Secretary (PWD) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh
5. Sh. Kamal Kant Saroch, Director Town & Country Planning Department.
6. Dr. Neeraj Kumar, Director, Urban Development Department.
7. Sh. Bhupinder Attri, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Shimla.
8. Smt. Raksha Sharma, Deputy Secretary (Home) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
9. Sh. Robin George, Additional Director, Tourism and Civil Aviation Department.
10. Sh. Munish_Kumar_Deputy Labour Commissioner, Labour & Employment Department.
11. Sh. Ramesh Kumar, Deputy Director H&FW Department.
12. Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Chief Fire Officer, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2
13. Sh. K.C Nanta, State Town Planner, Town & Country Planning Department
14. Sh. Vijay Saklani, SP(LR), Police Hdqrs. Shimla.
15. Representative of Information Technology Department.

The following directions were given by the Chief Secretary after discussion.

1. **Implementation of statutory provisions of the HP Fire Services Act, 1984** ("the Act): It was apprised by the Director Fire Services that the penal provision has been incorporated in the proposed Himachal Services and emergency act, 2024 submitted to the Govt. vide this office letter dated 05-09-2024. The Govt. vide letter dated 05-10-2024 has informed that the proposal is not in Bill shape and advised to prepare the draft in Bill shape and cast the Statement of Objects and Reasons as per the Scheme of legislation, add the index page giving number and heading of each clause of the Bill and cast the memorandum

regarding Delegated legislation, financial memorandum showing the recurring and non-recurring expenditure per annum and thereafter send the draft bill.

It was directed that the revised draft proposal after making the necessary amendments in consultation with the Law Department should be re-submitted by the Director Fire Services at the earliest.

2. **Rule under HP Fire Act, 1984.** The draft of HP Fire Fighting Services Rules under Fire Fighting Act, 1984 submitted to the Govt. by the Director Fire Services vide letter dated 11-07-2024 has been referred back vide letter Home-F(A)3-1/2019 with the advise that the correction pointed out in the draft notification by the Law department be carried out wherever pointed out and the draft notification be re-typed. It directed that the revised draft proposal after making the necessary correction in consultation with the Law Department should be re-submitted by the Director Fire Services at the earliest.

3. **Adherence to National building Code (NBC) 2016 for design of buildings and Fire NOC at design approval stage:** The Director T&C Planning suggested that the power for approving of plan having Plot upto 2500 sq.mtr should be decentralized to District level Fire Officer. The Director Fire Services apprised that the powers for approving of Drawings upto 2500 m2 will be delegated to the District level Fire Officers. The Station Fire Officers posted in Fire Station at District Hddrs. i.e. Fire Station Nahan, Mandi, Kullu, Chamba, Dharamshala, Hamirpur, Solan, Una and Shimla and the Sub Fire Officers having qualified the Station Fire Officer Course from NFSC posted in respective Fire Station of District Hddrs. are nominated for approving the Drawings of the building area upto 2500 m². All plans should be forwarded to the Station Fire Officer concerned Station Fire Officer before approving.

It was decided that Pr. Secretary(UD) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh will sort out the issue after convening a meeting with all the concerned.

4. **Fire NOC to be a precondition for approvals by various Departments and checking the availability of a valid Fire NOC by departmental Inspectors of key departments by issue of departmental Instructions and changes in Rules/ Bye Laws, wherever applicable.** The worthy Chief Secretary has directed to all concerned Departments to ensure availability of a valid Fire NOC

before issuing license to operate. Further he directed the Director, Fire Services to ensure that required inspections are carried out regularly and progress is monitored at HOD level.

5. Inquiry Into cause of fire:The action will be taken by the Department of Himachal Pradesh Police as per decision taken in the previous meeting.

6. Charging Fees for Fire NOC: The provision of Fee for obtaining Fire NOC has been incorporated in the proposed HP Fire Services and Emergency Act, 2024 proposal of which is required to be resubmitted by Director, Fire Services as per observations of Law Department.

7. Validity period of Fire NOC and expiry alert: Generally, it is observed that after getting the Fire NOC, most of the owner or occupiers of the respective premises do not maintain firefighting system in proper manner. However, the Fire Extinguishers are required to be refilled/ operated for performance test in annual cycle manner to ensure its serviceability. The monitoring of fixed firefighting installation i.e. Riser/ Down Comer, Hose Reel Hose, MOEFAS, Automatic Detection and Fire Alarm System, Fire Pumps etc. after the interval of every 02 years is helpful to ascertain the serviceability and to minimize the loss of lives & property caused due to any untoward fire incident.

Further, the representative of Department of IT stated that process for sending SMS messages/ emails about the expiration of fire NOCs is under process and will be completed shortly.

8. Repair of Fire Hydrants: The worthy ACS(Home) directed that the Director Fire Service should send the District wise detail of dysfunctional Fire Hydrants.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the chair.