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**The Principals/Headmasters,
GSSS/GHS/Pvt. Schools,
District Shimla. H.P.**

Sub: Afforestation Campaign

Memo,

In compliance to the District & Session Judge-cum-Chairman District Legal services Authority, Shimla-H.P. office letter No. DLSA/Sr. Asstt./SML/2018-2242 Dated 30th July,2018, received through Email on dated 31st July,2018, on the subject cited as above.In this context, as you are aware that like previous years HP State Legal Services Authority has adopted the project of sensitization of school children about importance off Forests and Environmental issues, especially afforestation, Plastics and Garbage disposal issues during 2014-15-2015-16,-2016-17, school children from **6th to 12th standard** were associated in the plantation drive in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

In this background, you are hereby directed to execute the afforestation project in the following manner:

1. Plantation will be done by **students of 6th to 12th standards** from **1st August to 30th August, 2018.**
2. All the planted trees (planted in the years **2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17**) shall be maintained by the forest department and students of 6th to 12th standard shall conduct re-plantation where survival rate of plantation carried out in previous years is less than 80% .
3. The new sites for the plantation for students shall be near the school. While carrying out plantation in school compounds, the same will be done keeping in view the area required for expansion of school building and ground..
4. The sites shall be identified & physically cleaned by the Forest Department and also saplings will be planted on such identified sites. Forest department will supply the plants as per requirements of each school, **ground support and refreshment for children.**
5. Since this is a part of Afforestation drive of Forest Department, Pits will be made by the Forest field staff. Education Department will provide transport and conduct school children to visit the sites in safe manner.
6. All new and previous sites will be fenced by the Forest Department and sign boards will be affixed.
7. During plantation drive, the students shall sensitized about importance of environmental issues and Garbage disposal.
8. In order to meet any eventuality of snake bites to the students, the Chairman District Legal services Authority, Chairman Sub-Divisional Legal services Committees and Secretaries District Legal Services Authorities will co-ordinate with respective

9. committees and **Chief Medical Officers/Medical Officers/BMOs** to ensure the presence of anti snake venom teams and availability of anti snake venom in the hospitals at all places during afforestation drive and telephone number of the Medical Officers will be provided to all the members of committees.
10. While carrying out plantation, the teachers and forest officials will sensitize the students about the importance of forest and Environmental Issues more particularly disposal of plastic and Garbage. Schools may organize painting competitions etc. in schools under the guidance of Legal services Institutions..
11. In view of the above , you are hereby directed to co-ordinate with the District Level/ Sub-Divisional Level committees and **Forest Department**/Sub-Divisional Level committees / Range offices /Medical Officers/Police Department to make this afforestation campaign successful.

The students should be escorted by sufficient teachers and lady teachers in case of Girls students. The timings of plantation should be such that students should come back to school campus before 4:00 pm. *The utmost care of security and safety of the students involved in plantation be ensured.*

After completion of plantation programme, you are also directed to submit **action taken report** to this office on the following format, immediately.

Years	Total PLANTS planted	Actual plants survived till date	Destroyed or Damaged plants	New plantation on old site, where plants were destroyed/damaged
2014-15				
2015-16				
2016-17				
2017-18		NA	NA	NA


 Deputy Director of Higher Education,
 District Shimla, US Club Shimla-1

Endorsement No. Even, Dated: Shimla, the, _____

Copy to the following for information please :-

1. The Chairman DLSA-cum-District Session Judge, Shimla at Chakkar, Shimla
2. The .-Director of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001.
3. The Deputy Commissioner Shimla, H.P-171001
4. The Conservator of Forests Shimla Forest Circle, Shimla-171002
5. The Chief Medical officer Shimla-171001
6. The DFOs /Shimla (U) /Shimla (R) Rohru /Rampur /Chopal

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