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From: Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal,
Department of School Education.

To: District Inspector of Schools (PE), All
District Inspector of Schools (SE), All

**Sub: Ensuring Tobacco Free Schools and Schools free of Intoxicant & Drugs
in West Bengal.**

Ref: Memo No. 541-SE/S/10M-60/17 dated 05/07/2017

You may be aware that almost 12 lakh deaths every year can be attributed to tobacco related diseases in India. On this premises "The Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibited of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act- 2003" (COTPA) was enacted in May- 2003 essentially to discourage the consumption of Cigarettes and other tobacco products and to protect the adolescents and youths and the general population from the harmful effects of tobacco use. This act is applicable to the whole country.

Likewise the Schools should also ensure that no intoxicants or drugs are allowed to be used in schools.

None of the Schools should permit the use of tobacco in and around school property. Smoking is detrimental to the health and well-being of children as well as to school teachers, staff and visitors. It is mandatory to create a safe and healthy environment by prohibiting the use of tobacco products in all schools.

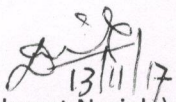
In order to ensure the compliance to the law, following two posters (notice) are to be displayed at prominent places in institution campus.

The School Safety Committee constituted vide no. 235-SSE/17 dated 26/10/2017 will also enforce these measures.

Kindly initiate a drive to ensure all schools are free of tobacco, drugs and intoxicants.

Top priority be given to this issue. An action taken report be sent by 30/11/2017.

Enclosure: - Posters (notice).


13/11/17
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Principal Secretary