



**GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION: SCHOOL BRANCH
OLD SECRETARIAT: DELHI-110054.**

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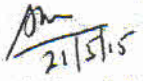
Sub: Regarding Sensitization of School students on Road Safety.

Please find enclosed a letter No. S/RTE/DCPCR/15-16/76/898 dated 08.05.2015 received from Deputy Secretary, Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Govt. of NCT of Delhi regarding a news item captioned "Schools to be held guilty for kids driving".

All the Heads of Govt./Govt. Aided/Recognized Private schools are hereby informed that Awareness on Road Safety among students may be increased by organizing events such as Play/Dramma, Nukkad Natak, Drawing & Painting Competition, Debates and other cultural activities to curtail the road accidents.

- During Morning Assembly the students should be informed that Minor driving vehicle is a major safety hazard.
- The parents should be sensitized through PTM/VKS/SMC meeting about the dangers involved in minors driving a vehicle since such road accidents may turn out to be fatal or may leave permanent disability.
- The Heads of Schools must ensure that no student should come to school by driving scooter/scooty/bike. If any such case is observed parents must be informed. If, it still continues strict action to be taken against such student.

This issues with prior approval of the competent authority.


(Dr. Sunita S Kaushik)
Addl.D.E(School)


All Heads of Schools through DEL-E

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(Usha Rani)
DDE (School)

GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE SPL. DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION: OLD PATRACHAR BUILDING
LUCKNOW ROAD, TIMARPUR, DELHI-110054.

No. SPL.DE (HQ)/VIP/2015/ 2136 - 2137
To,

Dated:- 13/5/15

The Addl. DE (School)
Directorate of Education,
Govt. of NCT of Delhi,
Old Secretariat, Delhi.

Sub:- Suo-motu cognizance of a news item captioned "Schools to be held guilty for kids driving" that has appeared in the Times of India dated 04.05.2015 & Punjab Kesari dated 24.02.2015.

Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed herewith office letter received from DCPCR vide No. C/RTE/DCPCR/15-16/76/898 dated 08.05.2015 on the subject cited above. In this connection, you are requested to take appropriate action at your level on the subject matter mentioned in the letter and send the current ATR directly to the Member, DCPCR with the approval of Competent Authority under intimation to this office within time.

This may be treated as TOP PRIORITY.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. 13/5
DDA (Sch)



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(SHASHI KAUSHAL)
Spl. Director of Education (HQ)

No. Spl. DE (HQ)/VIP/2015/ 2136 - 2137

Dated:- 13/5/15

Copy to:-

Sh. Karan Singh, Member (DCPCR), Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights, GNCTD, 5th Floor, ISBT Building, Kashmere Gate, Delhi-110006.

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Mr. Karan Singh
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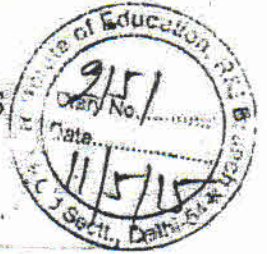
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DELHI COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS

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No. S/RTE/DCPCR/15-16/76 / 898

Dated :- 8 .05.2015

To
The Director Education
Govt. of NCT of Delhi
Old Sectt. Delhi-110054

SPL DE (HQ)
6/11/2015

I am directed to say that the Commission has taken suo-motu cognizance of a news item captioned " Schools To Be Held Guilty For Kids Driving" that has appeared in the Times of India dated 04.05.2015 & Punjab Kesari dated 24.4.2015 (copies annexed). In the news item it has been reported that there have been an increase in the number of road accidents involving minor children. Minors driving vehicle is a major safety hazard. The authorities of traffic police have taken up this matter with the school authorities besides the Dte. of Education for issue of necessary directions on the subject.

The Commission feels that students enrolled in schools in Delhi and their parents need to be sensitized about the dangers involved in minors driving a vehicle since such road accidents have proved fatal most of the time. Issuing appropriate directions in this matter would go a long way in demonstrating that the Government treats this issue with the seriousness it deserves. The Commission would like to be apprised of the action taken in the matter on or before 10.06.2015.

Yours sincerely

Karam Singh
(Karan Singh)
Deputy Secretary

1166 / SDB (MS)
13/5/15

TO I 4/5/15

Schools to be held guilty for kids driving

Asked To Teach About Safety

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New Delhi: With an increase in the number of accidents involving underage drivers, traffic police will hold schools responsible, apart from prosecuting parents, if their students are found to be involved in any fatal accident or caught driving.

A traffic officer said the decision was taken last week after a 14-year-old boy died when he rammed his scooter into a divider in Pitampura. The boy did not wear a helmet and was going to his school. He said a letter mentioning

unaware of traffic rules. "Our objective is to present the reality to the schools and put the onus on them too since a child spends a considerable time of the day at the school where apart from other things, road safety norms too should be taught," said Mustesh Chander, special commissioner traffic.

Birsa Vidya Niketan, Pushp Vihar, principal, Minakshi Khushwaha, agreed that minors driving vehicles is a major safety hazard but traffic police should hold parents responsible if a child is involved in an accident. It is not possible for any school to check what a student is doing while he is away from the school. "We definitely discourage our students from driving and even conduct regular checks. Children found driving vehicles are dealt with strictly but that is not enough until the parents are put to task," she said.

Many school principals said most of the time parents allow their child to drive to school and park the car a little distance away from where they walk down. Moreover, children who are defiant to school orders tend to deliberately violate rules.

In many cases, the parents are not even aware of their child driving vehicles. A traffic officer cited an instance where during a random check at a school in south Delhi, three students were found to be driving high-end sport cars parked away from the school.

The principal of Amity school, Saket, Divya Bhatia suggested that instead of holding the schools responsible, traffic police must impose hefty fines or punish them severely.

We do our part in educating the children but it is the parents who are at fault in this case. It is they who should be prosecuted, not we," said Bhatia.

THE STATS

Minors prosecuted for driving illegally		Minors involved in accidents last year
Year	Count	
2014	356	350
2013	76	
2012	121	
2011	101	

According to the traffic police data, more than 300 students were found to be driving vehicles outside south Delhi schools on any given day

the details of the incident has been forwarded to all the schools in the city requesting them to ensure that a proper road safety education is imparted to the children. Police said a copy of the letter was sent to the education department too.

According to the traffic police data, more than 300 students were found to be driving vehicles outside south Delhi schools on any given day. Most of them were between 14 and 17 years of age. Officers said children between 14 and 15 years of age are more prone to cause accidents since most of them are