



Government of West Bengal
Office of the District Inspector of Schools, Secondary Education,
Bankura

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Date: 18/01/2016

From : District Inspector of Schools
Secondary Education, Bankura

To : All H.M / T.I.C of Jr. High / High/ Higher Secondary/ Madrasah School(s) under Bankura District

NOTIFICATION

District Inspector of Schools, Secondary is pleased to inform you that following arrangement to make the promise of the Tobacco Free Educational Institute and Tobacco Free zones to comply the mandates of the Cigarette and other Tobacco Product Act (COTPA) 2003.

Section 4 of COTPA prohibits smoking in public places and Section 6 of COTPA protects the minors and youths from tobacco by regulating and restricting the tobacco business. All educational institutions as defined under COTPA and are abide by the law to comply with the provisions of Section 4 and Section 6 of COTPA.

In order to ensure the compliance to the law, following things must be ensured at an institutional level.

1. Display of signage "Tobacco free educational Institution" at main gate/outer boundary informing prohibition of sale of tobacco products within 100 yards distance. (Annexed)
2. Display of another "No Smoking Area" signage at prominent places in the institution campus (Annexed).
3. Ensure that nobody (faculties, staff, students, visitors etc) use any form of tobacco (smoking and smokeless) in the whole institution campus including canteens and hostels.
4. Ensure that no tobacco products are being sold or offered within the 100 yards radically starting from the outer limit of boundary wall.
5. Ensure random checking at the probable points of violation especially during the peak hours.

It is further added that under the law

- 1) The head of institution or designated officer are authorised to fine a person amounting up to Rs. 200/- who used tobacco products in the institute's campus including the canteen.
- 2) The Head of Educational Institute or Incharge or designated officer are authorised to fine the tobacco vendors up to Rs. 200/- who sell tobacco products within the 100 yards radically starting from the outer limit of boundary wall of the institute.

It is essential that all necessary steps are taken to implement Section 4 and Section 6 of COTPA. Ensure that the display of specified signage under COTPA is must, even if you don't come across any visible violation in the campus. Eliminating the violations, complying with the law and making an institute- a "Tobacco free educational institute" is a specific responsibility of a Head/Incharge of institution.

Status of the action may kindly be shared with the under signed within 30days after receiving of the notification. We would be happy to extend any technical support which you may need.

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District Inspector of Schools(S.E), Bankura
&
Member DLCC, Bankura

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Copy forwarded for kind information and taking necessary action to:

1. The Mission Director (NHM), Govt. of WB, Dept. of H&FW
2. District Magistrate, Bankura
3. Chief Medical officer of Health, Bankura.
4. Add. District Magistrate (ZP)
5. Dy. Superintendent of Police (Admin), Bankura
6. The Sub-Divisional Officers Bankura, Bishanupur and Khatra.
7. The Officer In Charge of Health, Bankura
8. The District Inspector of School(Primary), Bankura
9. The District Information and Cultural Affairs Officer, Bankura
10. District Youth Officer, Bankura
11. The Dy. Chief Medical Officer of Health-II, Bankura
12. The Sabhapati, _____ Panchayat Samiti (All)
13. The BDO _____ Block (All)
14. The BMOH/MOIC, _____ BPHC/RH (all)
15. The SI/S of Schools _____
16. State Tobacco Control Cell (West Bengal) for information and providing technical support to institutions.
17. Executive Director, MANT Kolkata, Swapnaneer Apartment Flat No A2, 2nd Floor, 164 P Majumder Road, North Purbachal, Kolkata-700078, for further follow-up and facilitation.
18. Office Copy.

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