



Divisional Commissioner Kashmir

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Subject:-Minutes of the meeting held on 04-06-2018 under the Chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir regarding issues related to private schools in Kashmir Valley.

The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir convened a meeting regarding issues related to private schools in Kashmir Valley.

The following Officers attended the meeting:

1. Inspector General of Police, Traffic, Kashmir
2. Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar.
3. Joint Director, Education Department, Kashmir.
4. Chief Education officer, Srinagar.
5. G. N. War, President Private School Association Kashmir.

Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag/Kulgam/Ganderbal/Shopian/Pulwama/Bandipora/Kupwara/ Baramulla alongwith respective Chief Education Officers attended the meeting through electronic media (Video Conference).

At the outset, chair after welcoming respective Deputy Commissioners via video conference, sought their feedback & on spot reaction from Inspector General of Police, Traffic, Kashmir.

Inspector General of Police, Traffic, Kashmir apprised that an eminent class of society, viz children are going to schools on daily basis but various provisions like the transportation mechanism in private schools is not regulated up to the mark due to monopoly adopted by school administrations and subsequent threat bent upon school going children. He reiterated that the schools are even un-following the specific directions passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court. He added that private schools do not hesitate in fleecing the parents on fee collections and when concern of care comes, these private schools prefer denials.

The Chair highlighted the main issues to be deliberated upon and response from participants viz, Color coding of the vehicles ferrying school children, proportionality of vehicles ferrying school children or

strength thereof, over loading and the type of vehicles ferrying school children.

The chair issued directives with regard to aforesaid issues after obtaining views of respective Deputy Commissioners in commendable contemplations with Inspector General of Police, Traffic, J & K. However, views and opinions of Education Department was also placed on record together with concerns pointed out by President Private School Association Kashmir.

The chair impressed upon constraint on monopoly of private schools in non-compliance of directives which have been imparted from time to time in the interest of school children and of-course parents.

After threadbare discussions/deliberations, the following decisions were taken:-

1. Vehicles ferrying school children in private schools shall be given entire yellow colour. The private schools should have adequate vehicles in proportion to the children enrolled with the schools. In the event, the quality of vehicles is found inadequate/obsolete/expired, such vehicles shall be declared condemnable and shall be seized. Director School Education shall issue necessary orders in this regard.

(Action by Director School Education, Kashmir)

2. School Vehicles ferrying school children shall desist from over loading of children. In the event of over-loading the school administration shall be taken to task and Traffic authorities in collaboration with respective SHO's shall take action against school administration and also against the erring drivers. The drivers plying school vehicles shall only be proficient's whose licenses shall be checked at par with commercial driver license holders.

(Action by IGP Kmr/IG Traffic Kashmir/RTO Kashmir)

3. The issue of over-charging of tuition fee & subsidiary fee charged by private schools shall be monitored & regulated by Director Education who shall issue necessary orders in this regard & report cognizance thereto.

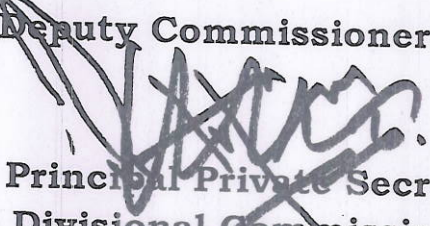
(Action by Director Education)

4. The Traffic Department shall not issue requisite NOC in favour of Private Schools until sufficient parking slots are not maintained by them together with proper formulation exit and entry points.

(Action by IGP Traffic)

5. In order to take a stock of action on orders and directives passed hereinabove, all Deputy Commissioners shall have an audit within their respective districts. They shall also hold meetings with President Private School Association for overall review of directive passed and shall submit findings of the audit report to this office within two weeks positively.

(Action by All Deputy Commissioners)


Principal Private Secretary
to Divisional Commissioner,
Srinagar
Kashmir

Dated: - 11.06.2018

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1. All concerned as above.
2. District Information Officer, National Informatics Officer, Srinagar with the request to upload the minutes of the meeting on the official website of this office.