GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION (S)

CIRCULAR

Imphal, the 20th January, 2023.

No. 17/2/1-259/2022-DE(S)Misc: WHEREAS, the Secretariat: Transport Department, Government of Manipur issued Orders No. 4/7/2013-T(MV)Pt dated 15/07/2013 (attached) to regulate transport services provided by private operators for school going children in the State for general information and necessary compliance by all concerned.

- Secretariat: Education Department Government of Manipur issued guidelines in addition to those issued by the Transport Department vide OM No. 12(HC)/69/2013-SE(S) 25/07/2013 (attached) to streamline the safety measures for transportation of school children.
- WHEREAS, this Directorate also issued a Circular vide Orders No. 1/3/2-1/07-DE(S)Pt-2 dated 17/08/2013 (attached) directing all concerned to strictly comply with the above referred guidelines/ directives issued by the Transport Department and the Department of Education (School).
- However, it has been brought to the notice of the undersigned that the Guidelines/ Directives/ Instructions issued as mentioned above regarding the matter is not being followed strictly thereby compromising the safety measures of the school going children.
- Now, therefore, it is hereby directed to all concerned to strictly follow the above mentionedGuidelines/ Directives/ Instructions failing which 5. actions as deemed fit and proper shall be initiated against the concerned persons/ institutions.

(L. Nandakumar Singh) Director of Education (S)

Copy to:

1. PPS to the Hon'ble Education Minister, Manipur.

- 2. Staff Officer to the Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur.
- 3. Commissioner (Education/S), Government of Manipur.
- 4. Director (Transport), Government of Manipur.
- 5. Addl. Director of Education (S-Hill/Valley/Plg), Government of Manipur.
- 6. All the Zonal Education Officers (They are requested to monitor the implementation of the guidelines/ directives).
- 7. All concerned.
- 8. Guard file.

No. 4/7/2013-T(MV)Pt. GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR SECRETARIAT: TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

OR DERS

Imphal, the 15th July, 2013

No. 4/7/2013-T(MV) Pt.: To regulate transport services provided by private operators for school going children in the State, the following directives are hereby issued for general information and necessary compliance by all concerned.

- 2. The Supreme Court of India had issued guidelines for operation of school buses to curb road accidents "fatalities" of school going children in several parts of the country. The objective of the guidelines was to incorporate norms for welfare and safety of school children apart from instilling sense of responsibility and adherence to the rule of law.
- 3. Under Section 2(31) of Motor Vehicle Act, 1988, permit authorizing use of motor vehicle as transport vehicle is mandatory. Under Section 2(47) of Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 an educational institution bus is a transport vehicle and therefore requires permit to ply on the road
- 4. Under Section 66 of Motor Vehicle Act, 1988, for control of transport vehicles, it is provided that no owner of motor vehicle shall use or permit the use of vehicle as a transport vehicle in any public place whether or not such vehicle is actually carrying any passengers in accordance with the conditions of a permit granted by Regional or State Transport Authority.
- 5. It is therefore notified for general information of all concerned and particularly private transport operators carrying school children that the requirement to apply for permits under the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 should be complied.
- 6. Under section 3(1), First Schedule, Part-B of the Manipur Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Act, 2011, regarding vehicles plying for hire or reward under Group- A; III, Maruti vans carrying school children and staff on contract basis are required to pay Annual Tax and Annual Permit Tax.

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- 7. Under Section 56 of Motor Vehicle Act, 1988, it is provided that subject to the provisions of Section 59 & 60, all transport vehicles shall not be deemed to be validly registered unless it carries certificate of fitness inter-alia. Under Rule 62 of Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989, validity of certificate of fitness for new transport vehicle is two years. Thereafter, renewal of certificate of fitness of vehicle is mandatory for every successive year. This provision is applicable to all commercial vehicles carrying goods or passengers, educational institution bus, transport vehicles or public service vehicle as defined under the Motor Vehicle Act & Central Motor Vehicle Rules.
- 8. Under Rule 115 inter-alia, it is required under sub-rule (7) that after the expiry of one year from the date on which the motor vehicle was first registered, every such vehicle shall carry a valid 'Pollution under Control' certificate which shall always be carried and produced on demand by the officials referred in Rule 116 of Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989.
- 9. All permit holders engaged in transportation of school children by the school management or by the permit holders is required to conform to the passenger seat carrying capacity prescribed under Section 2 of Motor Vehicle Act, 1988. The seating capacity certification of ARAI shall be also applicable. This norm is to be complied in order to curb overcrowding of vehicles carrying school children.
- 10. All private transport operators carrying school children are required to make provisions for school bags under the seats to ensure all round safety.
- 11. Insurance cover as required under the provisions of Motor Vehicle Act and Central Motor Vehicle Rules shall be compulsory.
- 12. This directives shall come into effect from 15th July, 2013.

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(S.K.Dev Verman),

Principal Secretary (Transport), Government of Manipur

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Memo No. 4/7/2013-T(MV)Pt.

Imphal, the 15th July, 2013.

Copy to:

- 1. Secretary to the Governor of Manipur, Raj Bhavan, Imphal.
- 2. Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur.
- 3. P.S. to Hon'ble Minister (Transport), Manipur.
- 4. P.S. to all Hon'ble Ministers, Manipur.
- 5. Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur.
- 6. Director General of Police, Manipur.
- 7. Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries, Govt. of Manipur.
- 8. Commissioners/Secretaries, Govt. of Manipur.
- 9. Resident Commissioner, Manipur Bhavan, New Delhi.
- 10. Deputy Commissioners, Bishnupur/Chandel/Churachandpur/Imphal East/Imphal West/Senapati/Tamenglong/Thoubal/Ukhrul.
- 11. Superintendents of Police, Bishnupur/Chandel/Churachandpur/Imphal East/Imphal West/Senapati/Tamenglong/Thoubal/Ukhrul.
- 12. All Heads of Department, Manipur (& ducation (5) -
- 13. Director (Transport), Manipur.
- 14. Director (Information & Public Relation), Manipur.
- 15. Deputy Resident Commissioners, Manipur Bhavan, Kolkata/Guwahati.
- 16. Director (Printing & Stationery), Manipur with a request for publication of the Order in the official Extra-Ordinary Gazette and providing 200 copies of the EOG for circulation.
- 17. Station Directors, DDK/Prasar Bharati (AIR), Imphal for causing wide publicity in the audio visual media and on the air.
- 18. All concerned.
- 19. Order Book.
- 20. Guard file.

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Additional Secretary (Transport), Government of Manipur

NO:12(HC)/67/2013-SE(S) GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR SECRETARIAT:EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (SCHOOL SECTION)

OFFICE MEMORANDUM Imphal, the 25th July, 2013.

NO:12(HC)/67/2013-SE(S): WHEREAS, incident of collapsing School Children in a School van due to overcrowding and suffocation was reported in the local newspapers on 24 the May 2013.

AND WHEREAS, the Hon'ble High Court of Manipur took up the matter as Public Interest Litigation and registered as PIL No. 11 of 2013 against the State of Manipur and 6 others.

AND WHEREAS, a Review Meeting was held at the Government level on 12-06-2013 to assess the current situation of the transportation of school children, the problems faced by the school children and the measures need to be taken for the safety of school children.

WHEREAS there is urgent need to streamline the safety measures to be taken and monitoring of the transportation of school children. Therefore, the following are the guidelines for transportation of school children.

- 1. Every school authority shall try and make arrangement for providing School bus service for transportation of school children and reduce the dependency on private van operators.
- 2. Every school authority should nominate one responsible teacher or other officer to oversee and co-ordinate transportation of school children.
- 3. The contact numbers of the school authority and transport operator shall be prominently displayed in the vehicles and records shall be maintained by the concerned school authority.
- 4. Every school authority shall formulate route plans for each bus service to and fro for transportation of school children by school buses.

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- 5. The School authority shall make provision for carrying school bags below the seats in the buses to reduce likely hazards and inconvenience to the school children.
- 6. Every school authority whose children are transported by the private van operators without their consent shall get the private van operators registered with the school authority concerned within 10 days of issue of these guidelines. The school authority shall maintain details of all private Van operators in respect of their school, including its registration details, owners details, list of children who are being transported. The school authority shall ensure that there is no overcrowding in the private school vans. If the private operator does not follow these guidelines, it is the responsibility of the school authority to report the same to the nearest police station.
- 7. The issue of transportation of school children shall be discussed in the teacher-parent meetings.
- 8. All school authorities shall submit the details of the private vehicles engaged by them along with route maps to the concerned Zonal Education Officers within 30 days of issue of these guidelines.

These guidelines are in addition to the orders or guidelines being issued by the Transport Department, Government of Manipur. These guidelines shall come into force with immediate effect.

(Dr. J. Suresh Babu)

Principal Secretary, Education(S) Government of Manipur.

Copy to:

- 1. The PS to the Hon'ble Minister, Education, Manipur.
- 2. The PS to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Manipur.
- 3. The PS to the Director General of Police, Manipur.
- 4. The PS to the Principal Secretary(Home), Govt. of Manipur.
- 5. The PS to the Commissioner (Transport), Government of Manipur.
- 6. The PS to the Secretary(Law), Government of Manipur.
- 7. The Director of Education(S), Manipur. He is requested to implement the guidelines mentioned above accordingly.
 - 8. The Director (Transport), Manipur.
 - 9. The Addl. Director of Education(S)/Valley/Hills, Manipur.
 - 10. All the Zonal Education Officers, Manipur.
 - 11. Case record/Guard file.

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION (S)

CIRCULAR Imphal, the 17th August, 2013.

No. 1/3/2-1/07-DE(S)Pt-2: An incident of school children collapsing in a school van due to overcrowding and suffocation was reported in the local dailies on 24/05/2013 consequent to which the Hon'ble High Court of Manipur took up the matter as a PIL and registered PIL No. 11 of 2013 against the State of Manipur and 6 others.

- 2. The incident of collapse of school children was viewed seriously by the Government and convened a Review Meeting on 16/06/2013 to assess the situation/ condition of transportation of school children, the problems associated with it and the measures to be taken up for the safety of the school children.
- In this regard, the Secretariat: Transport Department, Government of Manipur 3. issued Order No. 4/7/2013-T(MV)Pt dated 15/07/2013 (copy enclosed) setting guidelines/ directives to regulate transport services provided by private operators for school going children in the state.
- The Secretariat: Education Department (School Section), Government of Manipur issued guidelines in addition to those issued by Transport Department (issued vide order dated 15/07/2013) vide OM No. 12(HC)/69/2013-SE(S) dated 25/07/2013 (copy enclosed) to streamline the safety measures for transportation of school children.
- It is therefore directed to all concerned to strictly comply with the guidelines/ directives issued by the Transport Department and the Department of Education (School Section) vide order No. 4/7/2013-T(MV)Pt dated 15/07/2013 and OM No. 12(HC)/67/2013-SE(S) dated 25/07/2013 respectively.
- 6. This may be treated as **MOST IMPORTANT**.

(H. Deleep Singh) Director of Education (S) Government of Manipur.

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- 1. The PPS to the Hon'ble Education Minister, Manipur.
- 2. The Staff Officer to the Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur.
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