

GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA,
SCHOOL AND MASS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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From

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Joint Secretary to Govt.

To

All Inspector of Schools
All District Inspector of Schools

Sub: W.P.(C) No- 483/2004 - Avinash Mehrotra vrs. Union of India and Others.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith the copy of the judgment dtd.13.04.09 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in W.P.(C) No- 483/2004 - Avinash Mehrotra vrs. Union of India and Others and to say that in the matter of precautionary measures for construction of school buildings, Hon'ble Supreme Court in their judgment have directed as follows.

"(i) Before granting recognition or affiliation, the concerned State Government and Union Territories are directed to ensure that the buildings are safe and secured from every angle and they are constructed according to the safely norms incorporated in the National Building Code of India.

(ii) All existing Government and Private schools shall install Fire Extinguishing equipments within a period of six months.

(iii) The school buildings be kept free from inflammable and toxic materials. If storage is inevitable, they should be stored safely.

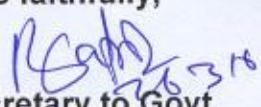
(iv) Evaluation of structural aspect of the school may be carried out periodically. We direct that the concerned engineers and officials must strictly follow the national Building Code. The safety certificate be issued only after proper inspection. **Dereliction in duty must attract immediate disciplinary action against the concerned officials.**

(v) Necessary training be imparted to the staff and other officials of the school to use the fire extinguishing equipment."

You are therefore requested to see that all English Medium Schools / Private schools under your jurisdictions are strictly following the above instructions for safety of the students. It may be noted that in case any institution does not adhere to the above instructions its NOC will be

withdrawn. Before issue of NOC/Permission for opening/establishment of English Medium Schools / Private schools they have to follow the above guidelines otherwise the NOC/Permission will not be considered in their favour.

Yours faithfully,


Joint Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 5346 /SME dt. 26/3/10

Copy forwarded to Director, Secondary Education and Director, Elementary Education Orissa with a requested to issue necessary instructions to English Medium Schools/Private Schools to strictly adhere to the above directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court.

They are also requested to ensure that in case any institution does not adhere to the above instructions, its NOC will be withdrawn. Before issue of NOC/Permission for opening/establishment of English Medium Schools / Private schools they have to follow the above guidelines otherwise the NOC/Permission will not be considered in their favour.


Joint Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 5347 /SME dt. 26/3/10

Copy forwarded to State Project Director, OPEPA for information and necessary action.


Joint Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 5348 /SME dt. 26/3/10

Copy forwarded to Section-VII for information and necessary action.

They are requested to take necessary steps for modification of the Resolutions if any in this regard.


Joint Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 5349 /SME dt. 26/3/10

Copy forwarded to Principals of all English Medium Schools of Orissa for information and necessary action.

They are requested to strictly adhere to the instructions of Hon'ble Supreme Court above.


Joint Secretary to Govt.