

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

No.DE.23(399)/Sch.Br./2024/ 621

Dated: 12/08/24

CIRCULAR

Sub: Corporal Punishment to Students and Discrimination during Festivals-Reg.

Please find attached the letter from National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) wherein the concern was raised regarding some incidents that children are subjected to harassment and discrimination by the school teachers and other staff on account of celebration of festivals. It was further mentioned in the letter that schools do not allow children to wear 'rakhi' or 'tilak' or 'mehandi' in schools during the festivals such as Raksha Bandhan and subject them to harassment, both physical and mental. It may be noted that corporal punishment is prohibited in schools under Section 17 of the RTE Act, 2009.

As the festivals are approaching, all the Heads of Govt., Govt. Aided and Unaided Private Recognized Schools of DoE are hereby directed to ensure that schools under DoE do not observe any such practice that may expose children to corporal punishment or discrimination.

This has been issued with approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl.: As Above

(Sanjay Subhas Kumar)
DDE (School)

Dated: 12/8/24

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All Heads of Govt., Govt. Aided and Unaided Private Recognized Schools of DoE through DEL-E.

Copy to:-

1. PA to Chairperson, NCPCR.
2. PA to Director Education.
3. All DDEs (District/Zone) to ensure compliance.
4. DDE (ASB/PSB) for issuing similar directions.
5. Programmer (MIS) for uploading on MIS.
6. Guard File.

(V. Selvarasu)
OSD (School)



प्रियंक कानूनगो
Priyank Kanoongo
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Chairperson

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS
नई दिल्ली-110 001
NEW DELHI-110 001



F. No. 25019/18/2023-24/NCPCR/EDU/DDR9316
Date- 08/08/2024

To,

Principal Secretaries of School Education Department of all States/UTs (as per the enclosed list)

Subject- Schools subjecting children to corporal punishment and discrimination during festivals_reg.

Madam/Sir,

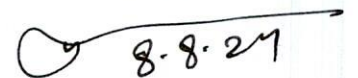
The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) (hereinafter referred to as 'the Commission') is a statutory body constituted under Section 3 of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 to protect the rights of children and address other related matters in the Country. The Commission is further mandated to monitor the proper and effective implementation of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012; Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Right to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009.

2. Over the years, it has been observed by the Commission through various news reports that children are subject to harassment and discrimination by the school teachers and other staff on account of celebration of festivals. It has been noticed that schools do not allow children to wear *rakhi* or *tilak* or *mehandi* in schools during the festivals such as *Raksha Bandhan* and subject them to harassment, both physical and mental. It may be noted that corporal punishment is prohibited in schools under Section 17 of the RTE Act, 2009. A letter in this regard was issued on 30.08.2023.

3. As the festivals are approaching, it is requested to issue necessary directions to the concerned authorities and ensure that schools do not observe any such practice that may expose children to corporal punishment or discrimination.

4. A compliance report may kindly be shared with the Commission along with the copy of order issued in this regard latest by 17.08.2024.

Yours sincerely,


(Priyank Kanoongo)