



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

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CIRCULAR

Sub: Corporal Punishment an immoral and illegal practice.

Corporal Punishment has never been accepted and propagated as a means of transforming a child into a good student. It has been prohibited under the section 17 of the RTE Act, 2009 and which is read as:

- 'Prohibition of Physical punishment and mental harassment to child'

(1) No child shall be subjected to physical punishment or mental harassment.

(2) Whoever contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1) shall be liable to disciplinary action under the service rules applicable to such person'.

Also prior to the implementation of the RTE Act and even after that several circulars have been issued by Directorate of Education to prohibit Corporal Punishment Vide No. DE./15/Act./Court Case/98/School.Br./2423-4722 dated 25.01.2001, F.DE.23/School Br./45534-47833 dated 28.02.2002, DE.23 (216)/Sch.Br./2532-2542 dated 20.08.2007, DE.23 (216)/Sch.Br./2866-2880 dated 25.09.2007, DE.23 (216)/Sch.Br./3449-3454 dated 22.10.2009, F.No. 30-3 (17) / (2) / Cir / Coord / 2010 / 4831-60 dated 22.08.2012 & No.F. DE.23 (15) / RTE / 2011-12 / Pt. file / 940-949 dated 22.04.2014 in which school teachers and staff members have been sensitized for not indulging in Corporal Punishment but to adopt positive measures to discipline students.

It is once again reiterated that corporal punishment is not acceptable under any circumstances.

Brutal treatment to students in the name of reforming can never be accepted as an excuse as it can never inculcate good discipline and good habits in them. On the contrary, indulgence in violence by teachers is bound to set a very bad example before the students. So, preventive measures need to be applied.

Preventive Measures:

a) Emphasizing importance of Rules.

Students should be given clear idea about importance of rules again and again. They should be made aware about the existing rules. There should be no violation in this regard.

b) Positive recognition.

It includes rewarding good behavior and curtailing negative behaviors. Some rewards can be verbal while some can be symbolic recognitions.

c) Recognize that child needs help and not punishment.

This fact should be applied in all critical situations. Unwanted behaviour on the part of a student is an indication that the student needs guidance (and not punishment).

d) Healthy Relationships.

Healthy relationships should be promoted among students, teachers and staff.

e) Stop all types of negative behaviors towards the students inside or outside the class.

Even under inevitable and unprecedented circumstances, positive engagement or preventive measures are to be adopted instead of use of force to discipline the students.

Thus, it is essential as well as legal and the best endeavour on the part of the school that student is brought up and educated in an education conducive environment of understanding, security and cogent affection. Corporal Punishment must totally be abolished.

Therefore, all the Heads of the Schools are hereby directed to further instruct and direct their staff to abstain themselves from inflicting Corporal Punishment which is a serious offence as per law.

All the District DDEs are also directed to sensitize HOSs and teachers about corporal punishment. It being a crime, together, we must ensure that no case of Corporal Punishment occurs in schools under Directorate of Education.

This issues with the prior approval of the Competent Authority.


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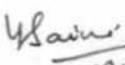
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3. All RDE's, DDEs (Districts and Zones) to monitor the its implementation.
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