



Government of Rajasthan
Directorate, Medical & Health Services, Rajasthan, Jaipur
State Health Society (NCD/ATC), Rajasthan, Jaipur



S.No-/ATC/11/ 551

Dated: 30.11.11

Dr. Subhash Garg, I.A.S
Chairman, Board of Secondary Education, Rajasthan
Ajmer.

Subject: Adoption of Tobacco Free School Guidelines.


Dear Sir,

As you are aware of the fact that tobacco is the leading cause of death and illness in the country and to protect non smokers, general population and youths from getting into tobacco use habits, Government of India enacted a very comprehensive legislation called 'The Cigarette and other tobacco Product (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act-2003(COTPA-2003). Section 6 of COTPA prohibits sale of tobacco products to and by minors and also prohibits sale of these products within 100 yards of education institutions.

Considering the rampant Sale of Tobacco Products in 100 yards of education institutions, The Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GoI has written to the Chief Secretary, Rajasthan for ensuring the compliance of section 6 of COTPA-2003. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has also issued Tobacco Free School Guidelines that was adopted by CBSC; the circular is available on www.cbsc.nic.in/circulars/clr18-2009.doc.

You are therefore requested to kindly look into the matter and issue circular to all Government/Private/Registered Schools to strictly comply with the Tobacco Free school guidelines failing which shall entail cancellation/suspension of the registration.

Sincerely yours


Director, (AIDS/HA) and
State Nodal Officer for Tobacco Control

Encl:

1. Circular of CBSC for Implementation of Tobacco Free School Guidelines
2. Copy of letter received from MoHFW, GoI.

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Copy to:

1. Principal Secretary, Medical and Health, Government of Rajasthan
2. Additional Secretary, MoHFW, Government of India
3. P.S to the Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan

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