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To

1. **The District Magistrate, Birbhum**
2. **The Superintendent of Police, Birbhum.**
3. **The S.D.O, Sadar, Bolpur and Rampurhat.**
4. **The B.D.O, All Block, Birbhum (1-19)**
5. **The Chairman, All Municipality, Birbhum (1-6)**
6. **The DI of Schools, (PE), Birbhum.**
7. **The DI of Schools (SE), Birbhum**
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Sub: Corporal Punishment

Enclose pleas find herewith a copy of the notification from the West Bengal Board of Primary Education, Govt. of West Bengal, which is self-explanatory. Please also refer to this office memo 1563 dated 13-07 2012, which also indicated the same. Thus, all concern are requested to have a close vigil on the above issue in the schools under the district, so that the children are able to study in a fear free and joyful learning environment. If anybody contravenes the provision of the law, he/ she should be liable for disciplinary action as per the section 17(2) of RTE Act 2009.

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NOTICE

In pursuance of the Section 17 (1) & (2) of the RTE-Act-2009 (Gazette Notification No 39, New Delhi, Date: 27/08/09, read with the Gazette Notification No 09-SE (S) -SL/5S-116/10, date: 06-1-2011, it is hereby notified that no teacher in any primary school shall inflict physical/corporal punishment or cause mental harassment on any child under his/her control, while transacting lessons or interacting in any learning situation.

In case of noncompliance with the above, appropriate disciplinary action under the service rules shall be taken up by the competent authority.

Here, 'physical punishment' denotes "any action of intentionally causing pain or injury to a child, including caning or hitting him with any hard object, or spanking, smacking, slapping or pinching him, or pulling his hair, or any other act which results in physical injury to him"

Further, 'mental harassment' here implies "any deliberate and motivated imposition of mental pressure on a child not meant for or detrimental to his academic and psychological well being, and for any other collateral purposes including victimizing a child deliberately and include sarcasm meant to hurt or lower the child's dignity in front of others;..."

In the above context, the following guidelines are reiterated in definite terms for every school authority and the teachers therein to follow in letter and spirit and without negligence:-

Not to be treated as Corporal Punishment	Never to Do
Imposition of fines and penalties, not contrary to the spirit of freedom	Physical punishment and mental harassment
Punitive requirement of extra academic work	Rebuking/scolding of any kind
Removing temporarily a child from a classroom in cases where his presence is disrupting the functioning the class	Discriminating in any form
Prohibiting child from participating in sport and other co-curricular activities on disciplinary ground	
Referring a disobedient child to the counsellors appointed by the School for counselling	
Intimating the parents of any activity of the child and ensuring their involvements in addressing the child in disciplinary issues	
Calling parents for attending the guardian-meetings conducted by the school with a view to enabling them to understand the emotional and academic need of the child	

Sd/-

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Secretary