




- Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
**DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION, JAMMU**

The Chief Education Officer,  
Jammu/Samba/Kathua/Rajouri/Ramban/  
Doda /Kishtwar/Poonch/Rajouri/Reasi.

No: DSEJ/Pvt/ 2015-16/55996-56006 Dated: 02-01-2016  
Sub: Circular Instruction of Hon'ble Supreme Court guidelines with regard  
to safety of School Buses carrying Children.  
Ref: Adm. Department's Letter No:Edu/Legal/J/542/2012/2015 dated;  
29-06-2015.

Refer to the subject and reference cited above. In this context,  
find enclosed a copy of circular issued by the Administrative  
Department, dated: 29-06-2015 of Hon'ble Supreme Court  
guidelines with regard to safety of School Buses carrying children  
for further circulation to the Heads of the Govt./Private Institutions  
for strict compliance.

You are requested to furnish action taken report & details  
regarding complaints received by your office to the effect, alongwith  
your specific comments in the matter through return fax/e-mail.

  
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(Legal Section)  
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No:Edu/Legal/J/542/2012/2015  
Dated: 29-06-2015

Subject: Supreme Court guidelines with regard to safety of school buses carrying children.

C I R C U L A R

Attention of all the heads of the Government and recognized private schools in the Jammu and Kashmir State is invited to the guidelines laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India with regard to safety of school buses carrying children to be followed strictly which are reiterated as under:-

1. School buses should be painted yellow.
2. School-Bus must be written on the back and front of the bus. If it is hired bus "On School Duty" should be clearly indicated.
3. Bus should have a First Aid Box.
4. Bus should be fitted with speed governor of specified standard.
5. The windows of Bus should be fitted with horizontal grills.
6. There should be a fire extinguisher in the Bus.
7. School name & Telephone No. must be written on the Bus.
8. The doors of the Bus should be fitted with reliable locks
9. To keep the school bags safely, there should be a space fitted under the seats.
10. There must be a qualified attendant in the Bus to attend the Children.
11. Any parent or guardian sitting in the bus or a teacher may also travel to ensure these safety norms.
12. The driver should at least 5 years experience of driving heavy vehicles.
13. A driver who has been challaned more than twice in a year for offences like red light jumping, violation of lane discipline or allowing unauthorized person to driver cannot be employed.

*PR Sec.  
Get info related to this from all CEO's  
(D) whether this has been implemented  
(U) whether they have received any complaints & the effect.*

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14. A driver who has been challaned even once for the offence of over speeding, drunken driving and dangerous driving etc. cannot be employed.
15. No vehicle shall carry children in excess of its permitted seating capacity. No child should be allowed to sit on the lap of others, if any.
16. Seat belts where ever applicable, must be fastened properly.
17. There must be appropriate permit for the vehicle issued by the competent authority as passenger transport vehicle.

All the heads of the Govt./Pvt. schools are directed to ensure that the above orders are strictly adhered to in their respective institutions and are further warned that any laxity in compliance of the above shall invite de-recognition of the institutions as well as criminal proceedings for violation.

Sd/-

**(Shaleen Kabra)**Commissioner/ Secretary to Government  
School Education Department

Copy to the:-

1. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu/Kashmir.
2. Secretary to Government, Transport Department.
3. Transport Commissioner, J&K Srinagar for appropriate necessary action to implement the directions contained therein.
4. Inspector General of Police (Traffic), J&K, Srinagar
5. Director School Education, Jammu/Kashmir. The copy of the circular should be endorsed to all the Chief Education Officers of concerned district for further transmission to the heads of Govt./Pvt. Schools of their respective jurisdiction for strict implementation. They shall monitor the implementation and report on monthly basis.
6. Director, Information Department, J&K Srinagar/Jammu for publication of the Circular in all the newspapers of Jammu/Kashmir Division.
7. Principal Pvt. Secretary to the Chief Secretary for information of Chief Secretary.
8. Secretary, J&K Board of School Education for information and necessary action.
9. Pvt. Secretary to Commissioner/Secretary to Government, General Administration Department for information of Commissioner/Secretary.
10. Pvt. Secretary to Commissioner/Secretary to Government, School Education Department for information of Commissioner/Secretary.
11. Website Incharge.

  
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School Education Department